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Final last call isn't going down well with bar regulars



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Towering celebration

Eiffel Tower on Aug. 25, 1944 - hoists the French tricolor at the tower in Paris on Wednesday. Paris' tribute to its liberation is the last in a series of 60th anniversary commemorations by France marking critical moments leading to the capitulation of Germany and the end of World War II. See story on Page 13

Russians investigate simultaneous plane crashes

89 killed on two jets; terrorism a possibility Page 12



Advantage: U.S.

Home court doesn't help Greece as U.S. women's basketball team rolls into the semifinals Page 46

No hold on gold

American Rulon Gardner tearfully hangs up his wrestling shoes after settling for bronze in Greco-Roman Back page



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States

Electronic voting machines: The last of 11 California counties banned in April from using electronic voting machines on Nov. 2 have won renewed e their machines, Secretary

of State Kevin Shelley said Tuesday. Shelley's office in Sacramento, Calif., said Alameda and Plumas counties have agreed to tighter security conditions for using the machines, including making paper ballots available to those who request them.

Phil Spector murder charges: Music pro-ducer Phil Spector has hired an attorney who used to work for mob boss John Gotti to defend him on murder charges after his previous attorney resigned from the case.

Leslie Abramson said Tuesday that she and her co-counsel resigned as Spector's attorneys but were taken by surprise when Bruce Cutler filed a motion to take over the case while Abramson was out of the coun-

try.
Federal prosecutors in New York have portrayed Cutler as "house counsel" for the Gambino crime family. Gotti died in prison in 2002

Spector, 64, famed for creating rock 'n' roll's "wall of sound" recording technique in the 1960s, is charged in the fatal shooting of Lana Clarkson at his mansion in February 2003

Georgia crematory lawsuit: A jury of five men and three women was selected Tuesday in Rome, Ga., to decide a civil lawsuit against the former operator of a northwest Georgia crematory where hundreds of cornses were left unburied

The jury includes one black woman, the only black member of the original 60-person jury pool. But the defense attorney for Brent Marsh, who is black, said his client would get a fair trial.

Nearly 1,700 relatives of people who were supposed to be cremated by Marsh are suing him and the estate of his late father, Ray Marsh

The trial will determine only liability. If the jury rules against the Marshes, a second trial will be held to decide how much they should pay in damages

Roy Horn tiger-mauling video: The com-pany that produced the Siegfried & Roy magic show has refused to give federal in-vestigators a video of the tiger attack that badly injured illusionist Roy Horn.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture at-tempted to obtain the video through two subpoenas, but Vienna, Va.-based Feld Entertainment would not hand over the footage, a USDA source familiar with the case said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymi-

... Under the Animal Welfare Act, the USDA has been investigating the October attack in which Horn was mauled by a 300-pound

white tiger during a live performance at The Mirage hotel-casino in Las Vegas. Horn survived but later suffered a stroke that has left him partially paralyzed. The

long-running show closed

War on terrorism

Pfc. England hearing: A military court in Fort Bragg, N.C., next week will resume a hearing on charges against a female soldier whose notorious photos with naked Iraqi prisoners are at the center of an international prisoner abuse scandal.

Army Pfc. Lynndie England's Article 32

hearing, which recessed Aug. 7 after five



Peterson trial: Scott Peterson's former mistress, Amber Frey, center, wrapped up her testimony Tuesday under a mostly cordial cross-examination, saying he neither told her he loved her nor tried to stop her from telling police about their affair that prosecutors claim drove Peterson to kill his pregnant wife. Flanking Frey as she leaves the San Mateo Superior Court are her attorneys Gloria Allred, left, and Nate Goldberg.

days, will resume Monday and should run two days, military officials said Tuesday.

The hearing is to determine whether England, a 21-year-old reservist with the Mary-land-based 372nd Military Police Company should face a court-martial on 13 counts of abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib prison and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos

If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.

Filipino workers in Iraq: The Philippines will keep a ban on its workers going to Iraq following an attack that wounded a Filipino engineer, the government said Tuesday from Manila.

Danilo Pasia sustained gunshot wounds and three of his companions, an Indone and two Iraqis, were killed when their vehicle came under attack near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Sunday, the Philippine foreign affairs department said

Terror in Uzbekistan: Islamic militants wanted by Uzbek police for their alleged in-volvement in recent violence could strike again despite tightened security, a senior police official said Wednesday.

The comments came after the U.S. State Department said Tuesday it had information that terrorists may be planning attacks in Uzbekistan in early September during the country's Independence Day celebra-

Asian bird flu: More money and global attention should be focused on bird flu in Asia to study the virus, which experts fear could mutate and trigger a human pandemic, the World Health Organization said Wednes-

Vietnam suffered the highest human death toll — 16 people — when the disease broke out in Asia earlier this year. Three more died in Hanoi, Vietnam, last month when the dangerous H5N1 strain struck again, bringing the total to 19.

EU talks with Turkey: The European Com-mission should open EU membership talks with Turkey within 24 months, a Dutch advisory body said Wednesday from The Hague, Netherlands, strengthening the hopes of the first Muslim country seeking to join the 25-member union.

But the report to the Dutch government, which holds the rotating EU presidency and will oversee a decision on membership talks in December, said it would be unwise to set a target date for Turkey's accession, argu-ing that it could create false expectations.

Palestinians seek reform: The Palestinian legislature on Wednesday overwhelmingly accepted a set of recommendations calling for reforms in the Palestinian Au-But critics complained the proposal was

vague and fell far short of the sweeping overhaul needed to clean up the corruption-plagued government. The recommendations included forming

a viable government capable of fighting corruption more effectively and restoring law and order.

Cleric charges: Indonesian prosecutors announced on Wednesday they would soon charge militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir with terror crimes, as he denounced his detention as "oppression from America

Bashir made the comment to reporters as armed guards took him from police headquarters to a prison cell where he will be held under prosecutors' jurisdiction until his trial begins.

Police have accused Bashir, 66, of head-ing the regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah and playing a role in the Aug. 5, 2003, bombing of the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, which killed 12 people.

Stories and photos from wire services

Correction

A story in Wednesday's editions about a change of command in Luxembourg should have said that the U.S. Army Materiel Command Combat Equipment Battalion-Luxembourg has a workforce of more than 200 mostly host-nation personnel.

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Temporary restraining order granted to former GI recalled for Iraq duty

Todd Parrish

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The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A feder-al judge ruled Wednesday that a former Army reservist from suburban Raleigh does not have to report for recall to Iraq by Friday. granting a temporary restraining order at least until a hearing next

Todd Parrish of Cary is locked in a legal battle with the Army over his status. He says his Army commitment expired Dec. 19 after four years of active duty and another four years in the Re-

But the Army Parrish savs never formally resigned his commission as a lieutenant, making him indefinitely eligible for involuntary recall to duty.

Last month, Par-... but the rish sued the Army, contending Army says he was never in-formed "of any re-Parrish never quirement need to 'resign his Army Reserve commission resigned his order to terminate his status with the commission. U.S. Army Re

With a Friday deadline looming for Parrish to report for duty and discussions with the Army going nowhere, Parrish's lawyer Mark Wanle said he filed a motion Monday for a temporary restraining order in Raleigh federal court.

IIS District Judge Louise Flanagan granted the request Wednesday. She scheduled a hearing on whether to grant a preliminary injunction against the Army for Sept. 1. In her order, Flanagan said the Army's willing ness to extend Parrish's reporting date several times in recent months shows the military will not be harmed by delaying the case until a full hearing can be

Wanle of Favetteville said he and the Army have been going back and forth about Parrish's status since Parrish first received an order from the Army in May requiring him to report to Fort Sill, Okla., by June 13 for processing and deployment to Operation Iragi Freedom.

When Parrish tried to resign his commission, the Army told him it was too late. He then filed for an exemption from recall, which also was denied, Waple

Parrish has appealed that rul-Waple has said he believes Par-

rish is a victim of efforts by the military to keep as many people as possible in the Individual Ready Reserve so they can be called to ac-

tive duty. Defense The Department has been using numerous devices to keen enlistment during the Iraq conflict, in-cluded a stop-loss order that presoldiers vents from leaving the military when

end and multiple deployments Guard and Reserve units. Parrish, who grew up in Durham, attended North Carolina State University on a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship. He served four years on acduty in the United States, completing that obligation in De-

cember 1999. Last week, a California Army National Guard soldier sued the military in federal court in San Francisco over the stop-loss pro-gram, which could keep up to 20,000 Army personnel beyond their time of service.

The Army says its stop-loss program is necessary for a cohesive military with seasoned personnel, although it has been criticized as contrary to the concept of an all-volunteer military force.

Ston loss also was enacted during the buildup to the 1991 Per-



Shiite faithful in Basra, Iraq, hoist a picture of Grand Ayatollah Ali Husseini al-Sistani, 73, after he crossed into Iraq from Kuwait in a convoy Wednesday. Al-Sistani has been in London for medical treatment since Aug. 6, one day after clashes erupted in Najaf. His return could play a crucial role in stabilizing the crisis.

Top cleric returns to Iraq as fighting rages in Najaf

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric returned from Britain on Wednesday, and his aides called for a nationwide march to Najaf to end nearly three weeks of fierce fighting be tween U.S. forces and Shiite mili-

ants in this holy city.

In honor of Grand Ayatollah Ali Husseini al-Sistani's arrival, militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said they would suspend fighting with coalition and Iraqi forces in every region al-Sistani passes through on his way to Najaf, said al-Sadr aide Aws al-Khafaji. Heavy fighting persisted in Na-

af's Old City, the center of much of the past three weeks of clashes. U.S. warplanes fired on the neighborhood, helicopters flew overhead and heavy gunfire was heard in the streets, witnesses

Wednesday they had kidnapped the brother-in-law of Iraqi fense Minister Hazem Shaalan and demanded he end all military operations in Najaf, according to a video. Al-Jazeera television reported.

In nearby Kufa, just northeast of Najaf, unidentified gunmen killed two people and wounded five others taking part in what appeared to be a peaceful demonstration supporting al-Sadr, said Mohammed Abdul Kadhim, an employee at Kufa's Furat al-Awsat Hospital. Videotape from Associated

Press Television News showed apparently unarmed demonstrators wounded during a few minutes of heavy gunfire, but it was not clear who was shooting. Witnesses said the gunfire appeared to come from an Iraqi National Guard

Witnesses said the marchers. numbering in the hundreds and carrying slogans in support of al-Sadr and pictures of both al-Sadr and al-Sistani, were headed to Kufa.

Earlier, Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi said Iraqi security forces had "taken all needed measures to prevent any crowds from entering the province," calling it a "military area."

In Kufa, Iraqi police sealed off the Old City, preventing cars from entering, and Najaf's police Maj. Gen. Ghalib al-Jazaari, said al-Sadr's Mahdi

Army militia was on its last legs. "The Mahdi Army is finished," he said. "Its hours are num-

Witnesses in the Old City said militants were still fighting in the streets, though the relentless American attacks in Najaf appeared to be weakening them.

Police on Wednesday arrested several al-Sadr aides with valu-ables from the sacred Imam Ali Shrine, which they control, in their possession, al-Jazaari said. One of al-Sadr's top lieutenants. Sheik Ali Smeisim, was among those arrested, police officials

said on condition of anonymity.

Al-Sistani, 73, had been in London for medical treatment since Aug. 6, one day after clashes erupted in Najaf. The cleric wields enormous influence among Shiite Iraqis and his return could play a crucial role in stabilizing the crisis.

Interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi's office issued a statement welcoming al-Sistani back "on behalf of all Iraqis."

Al-Sistani crossed into southern Iraq from Kuwait about midday in a caravan of sport utility ve-hicles accompanied by Iraqi police and national guardsmen, according to an Associated Press reporter with the convoy. The conby stopped in the southern city of Basra

Al-Sistani is heading to Najaf "to stop the bloodshed," said Al-Sayyid Murtadha Al-Kashmi-ri, an al-Sistani representative in London. "Those believers who wish to join him, let them join, he said

In Shiite areas across Iraq, appeals issued from mosque loudspeakers urging Iraqis to heed al-Sistani's call.

In separate violence west of Baghdad, U.S. warplanes and tanks bombed the volatile city of Fallujah for more than two hours, killing at least four people, hospital officials and residents said.

Based in the city are Sunni insurgents the government believes are responsible for months of kidnappings, bombings and shooting attacks against coalition troops, Iraqi forces and civilians across

Meanwhile, militants in Iraq threatened to behead two Turkish hostages if their company does not withdraw from the country within three days, Turkish media reported Wednesday.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 962 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 720 died as a re-sult of hostile action and 242 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria. six: Ukraine, six: Slovakia, three Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended 824 IIS servicemembers have died - 611 as a result of hostile action and 213 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Tuesday Since the start of U.S. military

operations in Iraq, 6,690 U.S. ser vicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's week-

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command

Assailants fired a rocket-pro pelled grenade at a U.S. patrol in Baghdad on Monday night, killing two soldiers, the military

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Sgt. Richard Lord 24, Fanning Springs, Fla., died Aug. 18 from injuries received in combat in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary

Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Edward Reeder, 32, Camp Verde, Ariz., died Saturday in a vehicle accident in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Army 2nd Lt. Matthew Stov all, 25, Horn Lake, Miss., died Sunday in Mosul, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near his ve hicle; assigned to the Army Na-tional Guard's 367th Maintenance Company, 298th Corps Support Battalion, Philadelphia,







PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

Left: 1st Lt. Waylon Gross discusses routes with Jeffrey Brinkley, the U.S. Embassy's health attaché, on Tuesday during a safety brief. Brinkley was going to the Iraqi Ministry of Health in Baghdad. Center: It was wall-to-wall traffic for the "Hellraisers" from the Znd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment Battery A as they made their way through Baghdad to drop off Brinkley, Right: Brinkley waves goodbye to convoy escort leader Gross before entering the Iraqi Ministry of Health.

Steel Dragon burns up road with escort duty



Pvt. Richard DeLeon, of Berlin, N.Y., is ready for trouble as he mans his weapon atop one of the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment armored Humvees during escort duty Tuesday in Baghdad.

Since April, 1st Cav GIs have driven more than 5 million miles in Iraq

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

CAMP STEEL DRAGON, BAGH-

DAD — Five million miles.

That's how far the crews of Task
Force Steel Dragon have driven since

Force Steel Dragon have driven since April 8, when the battalion began escort duty in Iraq.

Hailing from
Fort Hood, Texas,
the 2nd Battalion,
82nd Field Artillery Regiment
passed the
seven-figure mile
marker on Saturday, according to
Lt. Col. Gregory
Schultz, the battaljon commander



Maintenance workers have been recording the mileage of each vehicle and adding them together, Schultz told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday inside the International Zone, the protected area in the middle of Baghdad that houses the U.S. Embassy and other critical Iraqi and global enti-

The Steel Dragons' mission is simple: provide convoy escort protection for employees of the U.S. Embassy and members of the Multinational Forces Iraq wherever they travel. But nothing in Iraq is simple. To begin with, the 1st Cavalry Divi-

To begin wint, the 1st Cavarry Division unit was not designed for security or military police work; it is a field artilery unit. So its soldiers have had to master an entirely different set of skills in a few months before deploying, Schultz said.

Thanks in part to lessons learned from its predecessor, the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, "we hit the ground pretty well prepared," Schultz said. "The only thing these guys lacked was real-world experience."

That came quickly. The week Task Force Steel Dragon began its escorts, Sadr City — a Baghdad slum with 2 million people — exploded in violence. "Four days into our mission, four of

our platoons had gotten attacked," Schultz said. "So within one week, our guvs were veterans."

guys were veterans."

As of Saturday, the battalion had completed 2.610 missions.

Schultz said the task force has faced 50 attacks since April, from roadside bombs and mortars to rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire.

Yet not a single soldier from the battalion has been killed, though some 25 soldiers in the task force have pinned on Purple Hearts, and one contractor died after a roadside bomb exploded, Schultz said. About 70 percent of the battalion's missions are in Baghdad, Schultz said, but others take it everywhere in Iraq.

While "Baghdad is usually pretty safe," 1st Lt. Waylon Gross said, the longer trips can be different—especially when driving to sabotaged oil pipe-

"When you're out in the middle of the desert, [insurgents] can just sit there and wait for you," Gross said. "They know you are coming. You have to come. And they wait for it."

Gross is platoon commander for 4th Platoon, Battery A. His "Hellraisers" are one of the battalion's most battle-hardened units, with more than 70 missions under its belts.

Inside Gross' boonie cap, neatly inked with crosshatches, is a record of what the soldiers have gone through in their five months in-country: nine enemies killed and 11 IEDs, or improvised explosive devices.

Gross said he stopped tracking mortar explosions after making at least 20

marks.

There have been lulls in the violence, notably after the interim Iraqi govern-

ment took over, Schultz said.

Iraqi police are now taking a more ac-

tive role, he added, which seems to be

Maintenance crews also face danger on convoy missions

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

When it comes to dangerous missions, no one is exempt in the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment.

Maintenance crews, which keep the battalion's 200 vehicles running, often have to work around the clock.

If a particular part comes in at 11:30 p.m., the crew responsible for the broken

vehicle immediately heads to the maintenance bay, said Capt. Austin Moffitt, the battalion's maintenance officer. Iraq's rough roads and the enormous

weight of the armored vehicles exponentially increase wear and tear.

"We've gone through about 300 tires in five months," said Sgt. Darren Ivey of Willingboro, N.J., who is in charge of provid**44** We went around [the roadblock of trash], but we noticed a guy calling on a phone, and then he ran. By the time we got [to the broken vehicle], the mortars were falling. **97**

Sgt. Ngala Ben

talking about encountering an ambush while recovering a vehicle

ing parts for the battalion's vehicles. "In garrison, maybe we would go through 60 tires a year."

The toughest jobs come outside the safety of the secure maintenance bays.

Maintenance crewmembers ride along on convoys outside of Baghdad and have the unenviable task of recovering damaged vehicles. Sgt. Ngala Benn and his driver, Pfc. Anthony Zamora, have completed seven major recovery missions since April using the behemoth (and non-air-conditioned) recovery vehicle nicknamed "Hookah."

Of those missions, four have drawn enemy fire, Benn said.

Getting shot at is never fun, especially when you are otherwise occupied and

can't shoot back, Benn said.

The pair's worst mission came earlier

this month.

After a roadside bomb disabled a Humvee on the outskirts of Baghdad, Benn and Zamora got the call to bring it back.

Even before the rescue convoy got to the damaged Humvee, the recovery team hit a makeshift roadblock of trash tossed in the road.

"We went around it, but we noticed a guy calling on a phone, and then he ran," Benn said. "By the time we got [to the broken vehicle], the mortars were falling."

It was a full-out ambush.

As the team rolled to a stop, the small-arms fire erupted. Benn and Zamora could see the puffs of concrete dust as the bullets cratered the walls of nearby

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MIDEAST NOTEBOOK

Lisa Burgess, Jason Chudy and Seth Robson

Living life on the edge in the Middle East

side bombs and the ever-present threat of car bombs, many soldiers deployed to Baghdad have more than a few reasons to be on

Those nerves were tested Monday at a Camp Victory dining facility when cooks cleaning up the chow lines dropped a large metal

The resulting "clang" blasted through the large dining hall, causing soldiers lingering over dessert to jump and spin around to locate the source of the racket. Many automatically reached for their weapons.

"Little jumpy?" Stripes asked a soldier who had virtually levitated from the lunch table when the vessel hit the floor.

He smiled sheepishly, ducked his head, and went back to his

Anyone whose nerves are feeling frayed can vent to a profes-sional ear at "HELP-4." the 2nd Medical Brigade's Combat Stress

Internet address www.help4soldiers.com. In Central Iraq, the number to call, by DNVT phone, is 302-558-5546; in northern Iraq, 302-553-9525; in southern Iraq, 318-883-1322.

Trial, error, explosion

When tankers attached to the Fort Hood, Texas-based 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment found that their main gun rounds weren't exploding in the buildings they were firing at in Najaf, Iraq, they had to come up with a way to get the job done.

The M1A2 Abrams 120 mm



Above: Cartoon character Eric Cartman from "South Park," serving as nose art on a C-130, speaks for the crew of an Air National Guard unit deployed to Uzbekistan. The traditional recruitment slogan of "one week end a month, two weeks a year" has become a common punchline for many deployed reservists and Guardsmen. Right: As the temperature began to rise in Najaf, Iraq, on Tuesday morning, a foam "snowman" created by a soldier from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment was placed on a Bradley armored fighting vehicle to remind everyone to "think cold."

main gun has basically two types of rounds: an armor-piercing shell and a multipurpose high explosive shell.

Tankers don't use the AP shells against anything other than tanks and armored vehicles, which they aren't facing in Iraq. Their multipurpose round can be set to explode in a ground target, such as a thick-walled bunker, or in an air burst over a target.

They found that setting the shell on ground mode would cause the round to penetrate the relatively thin walls of Najaf's buildings without exploding, like an AP shell

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Highley said the soldiers discovered that when they fire the shell for air burst, the pressure created by the shell entering the room will trigger the round allowing the tankers to successfully destroy their

Sunshine, partly cloudy

A cloud has been snotted near Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The small white fluffy cloud

was seen hovering above the laundry facility on Sunday. It is the





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first cloud that soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Bri-gade Combat Team have seen since arriving in Kuwait more than two weeks ago.
One soldier from the South

Korea-based unit stared up at the cloud, apparently daydreaming, and said: "It looks like a camel."

"No, it doesn't," said another. "It looks like a Humvee

No TV during dinner

Many mothers might approve of the decision to pull the switch on dining facility televisions at Camp Ruehring

For the past 10 days, soldiers at the base, mostly from the 2nd In-fantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, have downed their Fruit Loops without the benefit of FOX News.

Soldiers said they were told the TV turn-off is due to the large number of personnel living at the base. No TV will mean fewer square-eyed people lingering in the chow hall and more spaces for other hungry mouths.

The TV-deprived inhabitants were dealt another blow this week when the television in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation waiting room went on the blink. The cabinet where it once rested was empty, leaving soldiers to stare at a blank piece of wall for entertainment while they waited to use the Internet.

Starved of the quality programming provided by the American Forces Network, soldiers have been forced to amuse themselves in their free time. Many soldiers have taken to playing Frisbee, soccer and touch football in the evening instead of vegetating in front of the tube.

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Report faults intel unit for Iraq prison abuse

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty-seven people attached to an intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad either approved or participated in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, an Army investigation found.

"We discovered serious misconduct and a loss of moral values," Gen. Paul Kern, the head of the investigation, told reporters Wednesday at the Pentagon.

Of the 27 individuals accused of complicity in the abuse, 23 were members of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade that oversaw interrogations at Abu Ghraib. The other four

were civilian contractors working for the unit. Six more soldiers in the unit, and two additional contractors, witnessed the abuse but failed to report it, which also violates regulations. Kern said

All of these people may face charges or disciplinary action for abuses that occurred between late July 2003 and early February 2004.

Investigators recommended that an additional five people, including Col. Thomas Papas, the commander of the 205th, face possible disciplinary action, Army officials said. While these individuals did not take part in abuses, they contributed to the conditions that allowed them to take place, officials said.

"There is no single, simple explanation for why the abuse at Abu Ghraib happened," according to the Fay report. One of the senior investigators used with Congressions.

vestigators was Maj. Gen. George Fay.
The report blames the abuses on several factors: "misconduct (ranging from inhumane to addistic) by a small group of morally corrupt soldiers and civilians, a lack of discipline on the part of leaders and soldiers." and a "failure or lack of leadership" by higher command in Irao.

The report distinguishes between the abuse depicted in many of the now-famous photographs from the prison, which the military says was committed by a small group of guards and others, and abuses committed during interrogations.

Seven members of the 800th Military Police Brigade, which supplied the guards at the prison, have been charged in connection with the abuses seen the photos.

The report said investigators discovered three more MPs who took part in abuses, and



Former secretary of defense James Schlesinger, left, and retired Gen. Chuck Horner, released a report Tuesday blaming senior defense leaders for lax oversight of military-run prisons in Iraq. A second report released Wednesdayfaults 27 people involved in the prison abuse scandal.

one more who knew of the mistreatment and did not report it. It also noted that two medics knew of the abuses but did not report them.

About two-thirds of the abuses during interrogations were committed by soldiers who wrongly believed they were using approved techniques or were unclear about what techniques they could legally use, Army officials said.

Fay said that some of the mistreatment amounted to torture. Kern said the most horrific abuse investigators discovered involved military dog handlers using their dogs to try to frighten two Iraqi adolescents into involuntarily fouling themselves.

"This is clearly a deviation from everything we've taught people how to behave," Kern said. "There were failures of leadership, of people seeing these things and not correcting them. There were failures of discipline."

The report attributes some problems to the influence of officials with "other government agencies" — a term frequently used by the Pentagon for the Central Intelligence Agency.

"It is clear that the interrogation practices of other government agencies led to a loss of accountability at Abu Ghraib," the report

The nonmilitary interrogators had wider latitude in determining what techniques they could use. They also kept at least eight "ghost detainees" — prisoners concealed from the International Committee of the Red Cross. One of those detainees died during interrogation.

The findings by Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones and Fay, came a day after an independent panel released a report blaming senior leaders, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Richard Myers, for lax oversight and inattention to the issue of military-run prisons in Iraq. This contributed to the chaos at Abu Ghraib, said members of that panel, led by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

That report, which looked at problems throughout the system of U.S.-run prisons in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said about one-third of the substantiated cases of prisoner abuse took place during interproparions.

Kerry calls for secretary to step down

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday renewed his call for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign and urged President Bush to appoint an independent investigation to provide reforms after a report faulted all levels of the military for abuse at Abu Ghraib prison.

"It's not just the little person at the bottom who ought to pay the price of responsibility," Kerry said at a Philadelphia union hall.

A report released Tuesday by an independent panel led by former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger concluded that senior U.S. military leaders in Iraq and the Pentagon can be faulted for inattention to prisoner abuses, but idid not recommend that Rums-

feld stop down.
"What is missing from all
these reports is accountability
from the senior civilian leaders in the Pentagon and in the
White House," Kerry said.
"From the bottom of the chain
of command all the way to the
top, there needs to be accountability. The Schlesinger report
makes clear that Secretary
Rumsfeld was responsible for
setting a climate where these
types of abuses could occur."

Months before prisoner abuse in Iraq came to light, Kerry called for Rumsfeld to resign because of what he said were numerous mistakes in the prosecution of the war.

Charges reduced for GI in Abu Ghraib case

BY DAVID RISING The Associated Press

MANNHEIM, Germany — A U.S. military policewoman accused in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal had the charges against her reduced Wednesday as a set of pretrial hearings wrapped up at an American base in Germany.

The decision by military prosecutors could significantly reduce jail time for Spc. Megan Ambuhl — one of seven Army reservists charged with abuse of Iraqi prisoners — if she is found guilty.

Two counts of cruelty and maltreatment and one of conspiracy had been added after the investigation against Ambuhl was completed, a step her lawyers argued was improper and added a possible three more years of prison time.

Prosecutors had said Monday they would reopen the Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury investigation. But prosecutor Capt. Christopher Graveline told a pretrial hearing Wednesday the government had changed its mind.

Ambuhl, of Centreville, Va., now faces a possible 7½ years in prison if convicted on one count of conspiracy, dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment and indecent acts.

The hearing made plain that she is mainly accused of failing to intervene or report abuse at the prison outside Baghdad.

"All the charges that remain before the court are complacency and failure to act or report," her military lawyer, Capt. Jennifer Crawford, said in court.

"Spc. Ambuhl is charged basically with inactivity or failure to act," she said. "A natural reaction or a lay person would be: "I would have done something."

Crawford asked the court to approve a civilian prison psychologist as an expert witness, who she



Spc. Megan Ambuhl

said could help persuade a jury how the conditions at the prison might have affected her client's judgment.

Judge Col. James Pohl rejected her request for the specific expert, but said if the government could not provide an acceptable military counterpart in the coming weeks he would reconsider the motion.

Defense says Marine too sick, weak to have fatally hurt Iraqi POW

BY ROBERT JABLON The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—
In a harine accused of karate-kicking a handcuffed Iraqi POW who
later died believed it was his role
to show prisoners "who's boss"
and to soften them up for interrogaiton, a prosecutor said Tuesday as
the court-martial got under way.
But defense attorneys said dur-

ing opening arguments that Sgt. Gary Pittman was too sick at the time Nagem Hatab was injured to have harmed him. Pittman 40 could get two years

Pittman, 40, could get two years in a military prison if found guilty of assault and dereliction of duty in what is believed to be the first court-martial connected to the death of a prisoner in Iraq.

Prosecutor Maj. Leon Frances told the jury of nine Marine officers that Pittman kneed, kicked and punched Hatab and other Iraqi prisoners "just as a reprisal and just because he was angry with

Frances said that when an interpreter objected to Pittman's actions, Pittman replied, "These pris-

oners need to know who's boss."
Defense lawyer Capt. Anders
Folk argued that Pittman was suffering from diarrhea and too weak
to injure Hatab. He suggested another Marine, Lance Cpl. William
Roy, may have caused the injured
when he allegedly grabbed the inmate by the throat.
Folk also said two Marines will

Folk also said two Marines will testify that Hatab did not complain of any pain after the alleged assault, and that a pathologist will testify Hatab's injuries could not have resulted from a single kick.

Hatab had been rumored to be an official of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party and part of the ambush of a U.S. Army convoy that left 11 soldiers dead and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and





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Escort: Duty puts unit in line of fire Glitches cause

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having a positive effect on quelling street violence, at least in Baghdad, he said.

But escort duty remains a dangerous job The platoon's most intense

44 The bus didn't

fight came on June 28, a day none of the soldiers say they will

go any farther ever forget. Four Humvees ... Every single protecting one of mu two civilian vehicles full of U.S. marshals travelgunners got a ing outside of

Raghdad. soldiers The soldiers were braced for trouble: A police nearby station had been burned the previous day, said Staff Sgt. Michael Medina

Intelligence reports suggested

the locals were still restless "Suddenly, all hell broke loose," Medina said.

The two Humvees in the rear were hit by a roadside bomb. As the smoke cleared, one of the stunned gunners spotted a man in a tree preparing to fire a rocket-propelled grenade. He immediately started firing

vehicle and "was on the radio, asking what was happening, and all I

could hear was shooting Seconds later, the two front vehicles got the same treatment as the soldiers in the rear as an IED

set-up," said Staff Set. Otis Black.

In the second vehicle, Gross' driver passed out momentarily, and then came to as the gunner began to scan for targets.

"Suddenly we saw a double-deckkill that day. er bus go by," Gross said. "We Staff Sgt. Michael Medina thought that was

On ambush pretty strange, because it was heading into a mess, not away. Then we saw about eight AK-47s stick-

ing out the windows."

The rear vehicle gunners turned their sites on the bus and "Z-patterned it," spraying it with

"The bus didn't go any farther after that," Medina said. "Every single one of my gunners got a kill that day."

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Crews: No room for fear during risky recovery

CREWS, FROM PAGE 4

buildings

"I looked at [Zamora] and said, 'OK, it's time to party," Benn said. "He knew what I meant. We already had a plan.

The pair took a deep breath, opened the doors of their armored sanctuary and slipped into the firestorm. They raced to the crippled Humvee and began attaching it to the winch of "Hookah

They worked as fast as they could

"It took us about seven minutes" to get the vehicle ready to tow, Benn said. "That's hot. That's really hot. Normally, with no pressure, it would be 10 or 15 min-

Busy as they were fighting off the ambush, the soldiers providing security couldn't help but marvel at Benn and Zamora's courage.

"All the guys who were watching were really impressed," said Staff Sgt. Theodore Greer, of Compton, Calif. "Bullets were flying over [Benn's] head, but he just kept working."

Such bravery, however, is not only par for the course in the well-seasoned battalion, it's expected, the sergeants

said "As NCOs, we cannot show fear," Greer said flatly, as Benn and the other sergeants nodded in agreement. "The minute we do show fear, our soldiers lose faith in us."

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Iraq visa delavs

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A series of computer viruses and other technical glitches have flummoxed Iraq's strict new visa policy, causing foreigners dayslong delays before being granted permission to enter the country.

"There are teething problems as you might imagine," Foreign Ministry spokesman Thamir al-Adhami said Wednesday. "The officers are new and the systems are

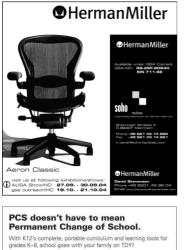
Until recently, Iraq was open to all com-ers. With the exception of visitors from Iran — who were required by U.S. occupation offi-cials to obtain visas in March — anyone who flashed a passport was waved into the coun-

try with no restrictions.

But early this month, Iraq launched a tight visa policy, requiring all foreigners other than contractors working on rebuilding projects to get a visa before arriving.

The policy is an attempt to bolster security in Iraq by cataloguing the names, photos and occupations of foreigners entering and leaving the country, al-Adhami said. Iraqis have long complained that the relative ease of entry has led to an influx of foreign fighters, criminals and intelligence agents.

Now, some travelers applying for visas in Iraq's clutch of foreign embassies have been told they must fax or e-mail copies of their passports directly to Irag's foreign ministry in Baghdad, then wait for permission to be sent to the embassy.



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Law would allow long-distance weddings

BY DIANNA MARDER AND DAVID SWANSON Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA - Oh, the

things we do for love. When U.S. Marine 2nd Lt Tommy Cogan, a 23-year-old nice guy from Philadelphia now serving in Iraq, and Theresa Elizabeth Arnold fell in love last year, no one imagined it would take an act of the California Legislature for them

But it will Before the legislative session ad-journs Friday, both the state Senate and Assembly are expected to overwhelmingly pass a bill that would let military men and women serving overseas in combat marry their stateside sweethearts by

proxy No wedding date has been set, but all concerned are hoping the ceremony can happen before the

bride gives birth. She's due at the end of September - and it's a girl.

Hence the urgency. Cogan can't just leave his duty in Iraq. And until now California law has demanded that the groom be present. So Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

California legislation would make it possible for Marine in Iraq to marry fiancee by proxy

is expected to sign the bill, and there is speculation the governor may even stand in for the groom at the wedding

'Lose my number, pal'

Tommy Cogan is a platoon leader in Echo Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, which since March has been in Ramadi, on the main road between Baghdad and Jordan. A Sunni stronghold, it is among the most dangerous places in Iraq, and this Marine battalion has suffered the

most casualties in the war.
Tommy Cogan joined the Marines after graduating from college in New York. He was in Quantico, Va., for training when he met Theresa

"They were in a bar," his father began. He likes to tell this story because it shows Theresa's strength "Tommy comes in feeling good and he talks to Theresa and gets her phone number. Now he's thinking he's hot stuff, so he walks ind to another part of the bai and starts talking to another girl. Well, Theresa saw that and she

came over and said. 'Lose my number, pal' — and walked out.

Fommy was shocked. But that intrigued him. He gave up on the second girl and he and Theresa have been together ever since.

Finding a way

Theresa Arnold, 23, Army life. Born in Germany, where her father was stationed. she lived in Hawaii and Indiana be fore the family settled down in Fre-dericksburg, Va.

She was celebrating her 22nd birthday with a girlfriend the night she met Cogan and discovered their mutual interest in the

She was majoring in administra-ion of justice at George Mason University.

early on and he made sure his parents met her before he left in November 2003 for Camp Pendleton.

As soon as her semester ended, Theresa drove out to be with Cogan and he surprised her with an engagement ring.
"He proposed," s rie proposed," she said, "the moment I got there."

In February, Cogan left for Iraq, and soon after, Theresa learned she was carrying his child. Al-though he is slated to return from Iraq late next month, Cogan knows he could be delayed, or worse.

"In his letters, he said he was nervous about being a father," Theresa said. "And he told me to find a way for us to get married right away

'Let's change the law'

As San Diego Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith, a former member of the state assembly, tells it, the would-be bride came into the courthouse in late June. She was looking for a judge to conduct her wedding ceremony and was told it could not happen without the groom.
When Goldsmith caught wind of

the bride and groom's situation, he

was appalled.

"I said, 'Let's change the law —
that's ridiculous!" Goldsmith recalled

It didn't seem right, he said, that the nation asking Cogan to risk his life should deny him the opportunito marry in time to give his child the security of medical bene-

No one seems to know why the question of proxy marriage for mil-

form of proxy marriage.

The deadline for introducing

bills was in February, but Gold-smith got the ranking Republican, Sen. James L. Brulte, and Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a Democrat, to coauthor the legisla-

"It was a logistical nightmare,' said Tom Sheehy, Brulte's legislative aide. "I told Brulte: 'This can't happen.' He said: 'Tom, get it California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to

sign a bill that would permit 2nd Lt. Tommy Cogan to wed his fiancee by proxy before the birth of their first child. There is speculation Schwarzenegger will stand in for the groom at the ceremony. Officially, Schwarzenegger's of-

fice has no comment on whether he will sign the bill, let alone stand in for the groom. But Goldsmith trusts that the governor will sign it. Nearly everyone who hears about this volunteers to stand in for the groom.

"I can't believe the governor would turn down that photo opportunity," said Goldsmith, who is among the volunteers

Only one regret

In May, just after his company experienced some of its heavies losses in combat, Cogan got letters from fourth graders at Chester A Arthur elementary school, where his father teaches kindergarten.

The students wanted to know it he was scared or hungry. What is it like to be in combat, they asked? As a leader, how do you feel when our men get killed?

"During the firefights I didn't have time to think about it," Cogan wrote back. "But when the dust settles it really hits home.

"I lost some great Marines and my best friend. ... It hurt pretty bad picking up their bodies and taking them to get sent home.

"The hardest part is writing to their families. I always wonder if they blame me for what has hap-

"My only regret," he wrote, "is not being there for my future

child's birth.



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Cap flap for female Air Force squadron head

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lt. Col. Martha McSally, the first female head of an Air Force fighter squadron, may have her head in the clouds but it's her hat that has gotten her in trouble McSally, 38, wore a men's flight cap during her installation cere-

mony as head of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's 354th Fighter Squadron in July. Wearing the men's cap, which runs straight across the forehead rather than angling down toward the eyebrows, is forbidden for women under U.S. Air Force rules. McSally previously won a case accusing the Defense Department

of discrimination for forcing her to wear the long, black cloak worn by Muslim women when traveling off-base in Saudi Arabia. The policy was reversed. Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, chief of the board which

oversees the dress code, said the regulations updated in early July specifically ban women from wearing the men's flight cap.

But dress code violations are rarely punished unless they are chronic, officials said.



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Final closing time at bar upsets patrons

Popular Patch Barracks watering hole Backlot to shut down in October for financial, safety reasons

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes STUTTGART, Germany - The way the regulars

see it, they're going to pave paradise and put up a parking lot. "They've been trying to close this place for years; now they're trying to do it on the sneaky side," said

Jerry Stottlemyre, who has been patronizing the Backlot, a watering hole at

Patch Barracks, on and off for

The bar is to close in October for financial and safety reasons, according to an e-mailed response from the 6th Area Support Group, which oversees operation of the pub. The site is scheduled to be demolished in January, and a parking lot put in its place

the nearby Patch Community Club.

Patrons said they learned the Backlot was closing from the man who maintains its slot machines. He informed the patrons that the machines were being moved to

"They [base officials] are going to hurt themselves," Stottlemyre said. "All they're going to do is upset a lot of people because the atmosphere here [at the Backlot] is completely different than the other two clubs [at Patch]."

The Backlot has operated at a loss of \$146,000 over the past three years, according to the ASG. The loss does not include its lucrative slot-machine revenue, which the ASG called "by far the highest" of any establishment on base

According to the 6th ASG, the community club lost \$89,000 over the same three-year period, while a third Patch drinking establishment, the Swabian Special Events Center, made a profit of \$22,000.

The Backlot bar also required \$544,000 in repairs to its electric and fire-safety systems to stay open, according to the ASG. That money would be better spent on other services, it said.

Backlot customers said the base has been pouring money for years into the Swabian, a former officers club, and the community club, where two restaurants have failed in the past five years

The Backlot's kitchen was closed five years ago by the 6th ASG.

"When they had lunches here, there'd be a line out the door," Stottlemyre said.

Despite the loss of the kitchen, the Backlot kept chugging along. Patrons built a patio in back and a small conference room inside. They painted the place and installed heat, air-conditioning and exhaust systems.

The kitchen opened for parties to celebrate promotions, departures and retirements. No one was charged to bring food and use the kitchen; they just had to clean up afterward.

Inside, flags from different states donated by patrons hang from the ceiling. Harley-Davidson memorabilia and state license plates decorate the place, too. An American Legion wall has pictures of all the presidents from Harry S. Truman through George W. Bush. Certificates of appreciation from past fund-raisers line the walls.

For the past 21/2 years, the local American Legion has served pancake breakfasts on Sunday mornings

Plans are for the fund-raising pancake breakfasts and profitable slot machines to be moved to the community club around the corner, according to Gary Miller, a retired Air Force master sergeant from Buffalo, N.Y., and a Backlot patron.

"If they had started putting money into [the Backlot] and stopped putting it into the other places," he said, "maybe it would be a different story."

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CHARLIE COON/Stars and String

The Backlot bar at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany, which has been in business since the 1960s, is being closed by base officials, who cited financial and safety reasons.

Aviano baseball tourney big hit with youth teams

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy Baseball's popularity is growing in Italy, and Americans found that out firsthand last weekend.

Volunteers organized a two-day tournament for youths at Aviano last week and, according to organizers, about 300 Italian and American players and family members showed up.

"I had to turn down six other teams that wanted to come," said Tech. Sgt. Bruce Brown, one of the organizers.

As it was, four Italian teams played with a team of American counterparts in the 10- to 12vear-old age bracket, and three teams squared off against a group of 13- to 16-year-old Americans.

None of those participating including the Americans - are affiliated with Little League baseball, which is currently holding its World Series in the States

Brown said many Italian communities have youth baseball teams. Teams from Aviano have been playing them and traveling to their tournaments since shortly

after the 31st Fighter Wing activated in Aviano in 1994. Over the vears, teams from Aviano have also played against squads from the Czech Republic, Croatia and

Brown said there were a host of logistical factors in hosting a tournament on base. Fields were not a problem: The base has six, which are set to host the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Army-Air Force softball championships in the next two weeks

But getting the Italians on base. getting them sheltered in the nearby gym during a downnour Saturday and setting up a giant potluck dinner all provided challenges.

Because of the inclement weather Saturday, most games were played Sunday, with an Italian team from San Lorenzo winning the younger category and a squad from Trieste grabbing the crown for older players.

Brown said organizers hope to hold the tournament again next July and, if logistics can be worked out, invite more teams to participate.

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Vogelweh AAFES to give away Harley on Sept. 19

BY TERRY BOYD Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Dreaming of riding Europe's winding back roads, your Harley rumbling steadily through the

At the worst, you have a 1-in-10,000 chance of living the fantasy.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Air Force groups at Ramstein Air Base are giving away a new Harley-Davidson on Sept. 19, at the Vogelweh AAFES New Cars Sales as a charity fund-raiser.

Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson Motor Co. is donating a motorcycle to AAFES' New Car Sales, said Steve Kyle, service business manager.

In turn, three Air Force organizations — Chiefs' Group, First Sergeants Council and the Company Grade Officers' Council — are helping sell 10,000 chances for \$1 each, Kyle said. Proceeds will go to three Air Force charities: Ramstein Area Chiefs' Group Scholarship Program, Holiday Cheer and

Friends of Family Support.

Last March, for a motorcyle giveaway in April, ticket sales — which raised \$8,000 after printing costs — were conducted only at Ramstein and Kaiserslautern Mil-

itary Community/Vogelweh.

This fall's event will expand to
Baumholder, Kyle said. It will be
the first time AAFES has had two
such raffles in one year; the one
earlier this year was the ninth annual Harley giveaway, he said.

nual Harley giveaway, he said.
"We added another this year.
New Car Sales kind of twisted
Harley's arm to give a second
bike because we have so many
troops returning" from deploy-

ments in Iraq, Kyle said. Troops assigned to the 2nd Brigade and Division Artillery of the 1st Armored Division returned in June to Baumholder from a 15-month Iraq deployment.

Tickets go on sale at the Baumholder post exchange this weekend. Kyle predicted chances will sell out before the September drawing. "We've still got a couple of good weekends." he said.

Those weekends include the Officers Wives Club Bazaar at Ramstein the weekend of the drawing. The bazaar typically draws thousands of people from across the U.S. military community.

The April Harley giveaway, supported by the Army Sergeants Major Association, raised money for Special Olympics and the Fisher House Foundation.

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Courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Servi

A huge crowd showed up for the annual Harley-Davidson giveaway in April at the Vogelweh shopping complex in Kaiserslautern, Germany. A second giveaway, a first for AAFES, will be held in September.

Chief petty officer dropped one pay rate for drunken driving

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Strines

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — A Navy chief petty officer was dropped a pay rate after admitting during a court-martial hearing Wednesday that he was drunk when he backed his vehicle into a pier security barricade. Chief Petty Officer Nikita R. Riles, an information technician in Rota, pleaded guilty to driving with a blood-alcohol reading of 0.21, more than twice the legal limit.

He told the Navy judge, Capt. Dave White, that on June 19 he went bar-hopping with a friend, whose ship was making a port visit. After driving to the city of El Puerto de Santa Maria and to another bar

in Rota, he dropped his friend off at the base pier. When he put his Isuzu Rodeo in reverse to leave, he ran into the concrete harrier

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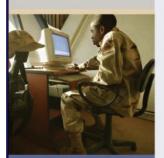
He stopped, surveyed the damage and drove away, he said. But security guards at the pier called base police, who apprehended Riles. Patrol officers testified that Riles was traveling around 60 mph down a main base road.

The defense attorney, Lt. Scott Stoebner, estimated Riles would lose \$90,000 in retirement pay over a 20-year period because of the reduction. Riles, who joined the Navy at 17, is two years from retirement. Two other related charges were

dropped during the hearing.

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IN THE WORLD

Twin airliners crash in Russia; 89 killed

Security authorities investigate whether terrorism is a possibility

BY MIKE ECKEL The Associated Press

RUCHALKI Russia - Russian emergency workers searched heaps of twisted metal and tall grass Wednesday for clues about what caused two airliners to plunge to earth within minutes of each other, killing all 89 people aboard. Officials said one jet sent a hijack distress signal, raising fears terrorists had struck.

Flight recorders from both planes were found and taken to for investigation, Moscow ITAR-Tass reported, indicating the question of what caused the twin disasters soon could be an-

Russian security authorities said that explosives specialists were still working at the scene of the crashes. They reported that terrorism remained a possible cause, although there was no evidence so far that terrorists were behind the tragedies.

Federal Security spokesman Sergei Ignatchenko said investigators were still questioning airport officials and airline and security employees at Domodedovo Airport, from which both flights left 45 minutes apart. The airport on Moscow's far

south side operates a single terminal that serves both international and domestic flights. Both flights were serviced at and left from the domestic section

The service, known as the FSB. is a successor agency to the KGB Officials there said they were investigating other possibilities such as technical failures, the use of poor quality fuel, breaches of fueling regulations and pilot error. Rain and thunder was reported in the regions where both crashes occurred.

Rebels fighting a protracted war for independence for Chechnya, the troubled southern Russian province have been blamed for a series of terror strikes that have claimed hundreds of lives in Russia in recent years. But rebel representative Akhmed Zakavev told Russia's Ekho Moskyv radio from London that Chechen forces and rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov were not connected to the crashes.

Russian officials had expressed concern that separatists in the war-ravaged republic might carry out attacks ahead of a regional election Sunday to replace its pro-Moscow president who was killed in a May bombing. A Sibir airlines Tu-154 jet, car-

ying 46 people, took off from Moscow's newly redeveloped Do-modedovo airport at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday and the other plane, a Tu-134 carrying 43 people, left 40 minutes later, according to state-run Rossiya television. The Tu-134 was headed to the southern city of Volgograd, while the other plane was flying to the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where President Vladimir Putin

Volgograd is an industrial city on the Volga River and was formerly known as Stalingrad. It was the scene of one of World War II's bloodiest battles in which the Russians turned back German troops that were advancing on oil fields

at the Caspian Sea. Putin returned to Moscow on Wednesday evening and met with chief prosecutor Vladimir Ustinov, who told him authorities were considering terrorism, technical problems or human error as possible causes of the crashes. Putin announced that Thursday would be a day of mourning, the Interfax news agency reported.

The planes disappeared from radar screens about 11:00 p.m., and by early Wednesday morning, the wreckage of both had been found — with no survivors. Domodedovo airport said in a statement that both planes "went through the standard procedure of preparation for flight ... [and] the procedures were carried out properly."

Uncertainty over the cause of the crashes came after Sibir (which means Siberia) said that it was notified that its jet had activated a hijack or seizure signal shortly before disappearing from radar screens. Officials said the crew of the other plane gave no indication that anything was wrong, but witnesses on the ground reported hearing a series of explosions.

"There were three loud bangs

Russian airliners go down on the window, like someone knocking," said Nikolai Gor-okhov, a local resident who was in A Russian airliner crashed and his home at the time of the crash.

Security was tightened at Rus

sian airports, where extra securi-ty officers and sniffer dogs were

called in to check passengers and

luggage, as well as other trans-port hubs and public places.

Tu-154 disappeared, the Tu-134 airliner crashed in the Tula re-

gion, about 125 miles south of

ITAR-Tass reported that the au-

thorities believe the Tu-134 fell

from an altitude of 32,800 feet.

Wreckage of the Sochi-bound Tu-154 was found in the Rostov

region, about 600 miles south of

Moscow, about nine hours after it

disappeared.

officials

At about the same time the

another broke up in the air Tuesday night after taking off from Moscow's Domodedovo airport, killing all people aboard.





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Paris recalls euphoria of WWII liberation

BY ELAINE GANLEY The Associated Press

PARIS - Paris turned back the clock Wednesday for a grandiose fete to remember the tears, the joy and the euphoria that heralded the liberation of the French capital 60 years ago as it threw off the shackles

of Nazi occupation. Ceremonies expected to draw thousands of people into the streets began with six firefighters hoisting the French tricolor atop the Eiffel Tower, re-enacting the emotional moments of Aug. 25, 1944, when the national flag was again displayed after four years of German rule.

Recreating the moment was intended to honor the six firefighters who carried out the dramatic gesture on liberation day.

When the Nazis first marched into town, they ordered the flag pulled down. The man who reluctantly followed Nazi orders and took it down on June 13, 1940, was Capt. Lucien Sarniguet — and he had vowed to raise it again one day.

"He swore that he would be the one to put it back up. He kept his word," said Sarniguet's daughter, Jeanne-Marie Badoche, 77, who attended the ceremony with her family. "For four long years, he waited



Firefighters dressed in World War II uniforms Wednesd French flag atop the Eiffel Tower done on Aug, 25, 1944, upon France's liberation from Nazi Germany, Ceremonies marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation.

dved sheets and hid it during the Nazi occupation so the Germans wouldn't find it, she

fighters out of the original six, attended Wednesday's ceremony, proudly displaying a chest full of medals. He received the City of Paris' highest honor - the Grand

Paris also was honoring its liberators – Resistance fighters who took their clandestine battle to the streets and French and American soldiers whose military might as-

sured victory shamed, hungry and on its knees for four years during World War II

- was still standing on liberation day, spared Adolf Hitler's threat of demolition. The main ceremony of the multifaceted commemoration was to be held at City Hall late Wednesday, with President Jacques Chirac paying tribute to veterans and Resis-

tance fighters before 4.000 guests. With the liberation, "Paris again became a city of light," said noted director Jerome Savary, who enlisted 1,000 Parisians for celebrations that are to crisscross the city and end with a street ball.

Solemnity also was in order. More than 1,400 Parisians — including 582 civilians — were killed in street battles, according to the Jean Moulin Museum. Some 3,200 Nazis were killed

At the Place de la Concorde, Chirac paid special tribute to Gen. Philippe Leclerc's 2nd Armored Division, greeting some 600 soldiers — including 100 veterans — who, starting Tuesday, retraced the soldiers' journey into the capital.





Mark Thatcher charged in alleged coup plot

Margaret Thatcher's son reportedly provided financing to overthrow African government

BY ELLIOTT SYLVESTER
The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa— Mark Thatcher, the son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, was arrested Wednesday and charged with helping to finance a foiled plot to overthrow the government of oil-rich Equato-



Thatcher

51-year-old businessman who has lived in South Africa since 2002, was arrested at his Cape Town home shortly after 7 a.m. and taken before the Wynberg Magistrate's

Thatcher, a

Magistrate's Court, where he was charged with violating South Africa's Foreign Military Assistance Act.

"We have evidence, credible evidence, and information that lews involved in the attempted coup," police spokesman Sipho Ngwema said before the arraignment. "We refuse that South Africa be a springboard for coups in Africa and elsewhere."

Thatcher was placed under house arrest and given until Sept. 8 to post bail of 2 million rands, or nearly \$300,000.

Defense lawyer Peter Hodes said Thatcher was arrested on suspicion of providing financing for a helicopter linked to the coup plot. "He will plead not guilty," Hodes said.

Thatcher's court appearance was delayed when he was robbed of his shoes, jacket and cell phone in a crowded holding cell, according to a court official who witnessed the attack. Thatcher did not appear to have been injured and police were seeking to recover the items, the witness said.

Thatcher, who has a twin sister and is the only son of Lady Thatcher and the late Denis Thatcher, was in his pajams when police arrived at his home in the upscale suburb of Constania and he was allowed to take a shower before they began examining his records and computers, Ngwema said.

Thatcher is accused of helping finance a plot to oust President Teodoro Obiang of Equatorial Guinea, which authorities say was foiled in March. "We believe Mr. Thatcher assisted in finance and logistics," Ngwema said.

Equatorial Guinea, Africa's third-largest oil producer, put I'p people on trial this week for the alleged plot. One other defendant died in custody under suspicious circumstances. Seventy other accused mercenaries are on trial separately in Zimbabwe.

At the trial, a lawyer representing the government said the country would be interested in extraditing Thatcher. But no arrest warrant has been announced.

The 19 defendants on trial

since Monday are charged with attempting to assassinate a head of state, illegal possession of arms and explosives, terrorism, treason and endangering the public.

A lead defendant, South African arms dealer Nick du Toit, testified Wednesday that he attend-

Africa with Thatcher and Simon Mann of Britain, who is on trial in Zimbabwe as the alleged head of the plot.

But Thatcher only showed interest in buying military helicopters for a mining enterprise in Sudan, said du Toit, who faces the death

plot. "This was a normal business deal," du Toit testified.

Obiang's 25-year-old regime — accused by the U.S. State Department and others of torture and other abuses — is at the center of an oil boom in the Gulf of Guinea. The region is estimated to hold 10 percent of the world's oil re-

serves, and some of its most corrupt governments.

Since the development of Equatorial Guinea's oil industry began in the mid-1990s, the rain-soaked nation of just 500,000 people has enjoyed one of the fastest economic growth rates in the world, at up to 70 percent a year.



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IN THE STATES

Report supports Kerry boat story

BY MATT KELLEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy task force overseeing John Kerry's swift boat squadron in Vietnam reported that his group of boats came under enemy fire during a March 13, 1969, incident that three decades later is being challenged by the Democratic presidential nomine's critics.

The March 18, 1969, weekly report from Task Force 115, which was located by The Associated Press during a search of Navy archives, is the latest document to surface that supports Kerry's description of an event for which he won a Bronze Star and a third Purple Heart.

The Task Force report twice mentions the incident five days earlier and both times calls it "an enemy initiated firefight" that included automatic weapons fire and underwater mines used against a group of five boats that included Kerry's.

Task Force 115 was commanded at the time by retired Rear Adm. Roy Hoffmann, the founder of the group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which has been running ads challenging Kerry's account of the episode.

A member of the group, Larry

Thurlow, said Tuesday he stood by his assertion that there was no enemy fire that day.

Thurlow, the commander of another boat who also won a Bronze Star, said task force commanders probably relied on the initial report of the incident. Thurlow says Kerry wrote that report.

The document, part of thousands of pages of records housed at the Naval Historical Center, is one of several that say Kerry and other servicemen were shot at from the banks of the Bay Hap River on March 13, 1969. The Associated Press located the document Tuesday during a search of available records.

Earlier this month, Swift Boat Veterans for Truth aired a television ad claiming Kerry lied about the circumstances surrounding his medals. Several members of the group who were aboard nearby boats that March 13 said in the ad and in affidavits that there was no enemy gunfire during the inci-

The anti-Kerry group has not produced any official Navy doct-ments supporting that claim, how-ever. The man Kerry rescued, Jim Rassmann, and the crew of Kerry's boat all say there was gunfire from both banks of the river at the time.



Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, appears on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" on Tuesday night. Kerry joked about holding his inauguration on the show.

Kerry makes fake news debut

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After weeks of charge and countercharge in the presidential campaign, comedian Jon Stewart tried Tuesday to get to the bottom of the debate over Democrat John Kerry's military service in Vietnam

"I watch a lot of the cable news shows, so I understand that you were never in Vietnam," asked Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

"That's what I understand, too, but I'm trying to find out what happened," Kerry joked.

As Kerry launched into one of his lengthy monologues about why President Bush avoids talking about issues like the economy, jobs and the environment, the comedian interrupted.

"I'm sorry," Stewart said. "Were you or were you not in Cambodia?"

Stewart and Kerry then leaned in to stare each other down over the comedian's desk before Stewart asked about some of the other things Kerry's opponents are saying about him.

"Are you the number one most liberal senator in the Senate?" he asked, joking about claims that Kerry is "more liberal than Karl Marx, apparently." "No," Kerry answered.

"No," Kerry answered. Stewart also sought answers to another hard-hitting question: "Is it true that every time I use ketchup, your wife gets a nickel?" The candidate's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, is heir to the Heinz food for-

"Would that it were," Kerry said.

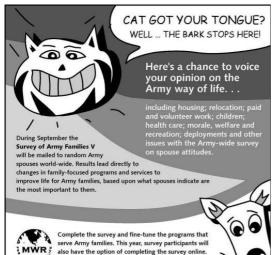
When the conversation turned serious, Stewart asked Kerry how he would counter Bush's ability in debates to turn issues into a choice between his position and the opposition.

Kerry said the debates would be a challenge. "The president has won every debate he's ever had," Kerry said.

Kerry offered an interesting observation on life as a presidential candidate.

"You'd be amazed at the number of people who want to introduce themselves to you in the men's

room," he said. "It's the most bizarre part of this entire thing."



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Bush election lawyer quits The Associated Press Ginsberg's acknowledgment

WASHINGTON — An election

lawyer for President Bush who also has been advising a veterans group running TV ads against Democrat John Kerry resigned Wednesday from Bush's campaign.
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T cannot begin to express my sadness that my legal representations have become a distraction from the critical issues at hand in this election," Benjamin Ginsberg wrote in a resignation letter to Bush released by the campaign.

"I feel L cannot let that continue."

"I ree! I cannot let that continue, so I have decided to resign as national counsel to your campaign to ensure that the giving of legal advice to decorated military veterans, which was entirely within the boundaries of the law, doesn't distract from the real issues ..."

Ginsberg's acknowledgment Tuesday evening that he was providing legal advice to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth marked the second time in days that a person associated with the Bush-Cheney campaign had been connected to the group, which Kerry accuses of being a front for the Republican incumbent's re-election effort.

The Bush campaign and the veterans' group have said repeatedly that there is no coordination.

Lawyers on the Democratic side are also representing both the campaign or party and outside groups running ads in the presidential race. Ginsberg's dual role has drawn attention because of an ad the group ran accusing Kerry of exaggerating his Vietnam Warrecord.



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Cheney's gay marriage talk draws criticism

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BY TODD DVORAK The Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Vice President Dick Cheney, whose daughter Mary is a lesbian, drew criticism from both proponents and foes of gay marriage Tuesday after he distanced himself from President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage

same-sex marriage.

At a campaign rally in this Mississippi
River town, Cheney spoke supportively
about gay relationships, saying "freedom
means freedom for everyone," when asked about his stand on gay marriage.

"Lynne and I have a gay daughter, so it's an issue our family is very familiar with," Chenev told an audience that included his

"The question that comes up with the



riage," he said. Bush backs a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage, a move Cheney says was prompted by various judicial rulings, including the action in Massachusetts that made gay marriage legal.

Addressing Bush's position on the amendment, Cheney said: "At this point, say, my own preference is as I've stated, but the president makes policy for the ad-ministration. He's made it clear that he does, in fact, support a constitutional amendment on this issue."

Those comments drew criticism from the conservative Family Research Council. with President Tony Perkins saying: "I find it hard to believe the vice president would stray from the administration's position on defense policy or tax policy. For many pro-family voters, protecting traditional marriage ranks ahead of the economy and job creation as a campaign issue.

Steven Fisher, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay and lesbian advocacy group, said Cheney's remarks show a stark difference with Bush's efforts

"to put discrimination in the Constitution President Bush is feeling the heat. The administration has been using gay Americans to drive a wedge into the electorate. There are millions of American families who have gay family members and friends, who are offended by the president's use of discrimination," Fisher said.

Cheney said the amendment did not have the votes to pass, but he also said the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which President Clinton signed into law in 1996,

may be enough. Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina oppose the amendment. The Democratic candidates also oppose gay marriage, but defend a gay couple's rights to the same legal protections as those conferred in marriage.

Study: Soda linked to weight gain, diabetes in women

BY ROB STEIN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Women who drink non-diet soda or fruit punch every day gain weight quickly and face a sharply elevated risk of getting diabetes, according to a major study released Tuesday.

The study of more than 50,000 U.S. nurses found that those who drank just one soda or fruit punch a day tended to gain much

more weight than those who drank less than one a month, and had more than an 80 percent increased risk of developing the most common form of diabetes. The risk pertained to drinks sweetened with either sugar or high-fructose corn syrup.

Neither diet soda non-sweetened fruit juices appear to carry the same risks, the researchers found. Although the study involved only women, the researchers believed that the

risks also hold for men

Other experts agreed, saying the study represented a milestone in the debate over soft drink consumption, which has skyrocketed in the past 20 years in parallel with the rising obesity enidemic

The sugar and beverage industries said the study was funda-mentally flawed. "The conclumentally flawed. sions from this study are scientifically unsound and they are at odds with all that's known in the

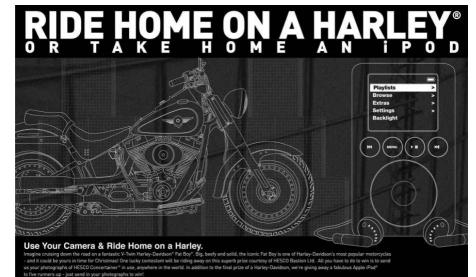
scientific community," said Richard Adamson, vice president for scientific and technical affairs at the American Beverage Association. "These allegations are inflammatory.

Any increased risk for diabetes in the study could be attributed to the weight the women gained, not their sugar intake, said Charles Baker, vice president for scientific affairs for the Sugar Associa-

Data collected from 51,603

women over an average of four years found that the women who gained the most weight were those who increased their consumption of non-diet drinks from one or fewer per week to one or more per day, the researchers found

In addition, those who had one or more drinks containing sugar or corn syrup per day were 83 percent more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, compared with those who drank less than one such drink per month.



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Parked at the park

Park Service tries to keep tourists up on road projects

BY BECKY BOHRER

The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Stuck in a long line of vehicles near a construction site, Darby Long took the delay in stride on a hot August day. He reclined in his SUV, dangled a foot out a window and tried to catch a short nap.

"For me, this hasn't been a big deal," said a slightly disheveled Long, of Charleston, S.C., trying to get a little hiking done at Yellowstone. "There are worse places to be stuck."

It may be the splendor and natural beauty that attract travelers like Long to Yellowstone and other national parks each summer. But it's the road construction, the subsequent traffic delays and long lines that often keep them stalled.

Summer construction is a fact of life for many national parks — and an inconvenience not all trav-



Motorcyclists pass the time talking to a road crew worker during a road construction stop inside Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., recently. Summer road work often causes frustrating traffic jams at national parks.

elers take as well as Long.

Mindful of that, the Park Service and some of the towns near park entrances are trying to make the construction a bit more

They're using tools like the Internet and e-mail, and old-fashioned methods like fliers and word of mouth, to keep travelers aware of roadwork and delays — all in hope of keeping frustration levels low.

Besides Yellowstone, where three large road constructions projects are under way, work has begun on what's expected to be the largest overhaul in decades on the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana.

In Grand Teton National Park in Wyoning, crews are in the first of a planned two-year, SS million project for 17 miles of major road improvement. And work has also begun on a stretch of the scenn Beartooth Highway, near Yellowstone's least-visited northeast gate and the town of Cooke City, Mont

Yellowstone employees now distribute road information fliers with maps at park entrances. Local business and tourism officials send faxes and e-mails to motor clubs and other contacts. And park concession workers provide information in park lodges and in confirmations sent in advance to visitors who've booked stays.

Lisa Murphy, a spokeswoman for the Wyoming Department of Transportation, said keeping the public informed is crucial.

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Drifter may be witness

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — A 21-year-old man who recently left his Wisconsin home to roam California has contacted police after learning from media reports that he was a potential witness in the mysterious shooting deaths of two Christian camp counselors.

Sonoma County detectives sent out a statewide alert Tuesday seeking Nicholas Edward Scarseth, a skateboarder from Chippewa Falls, Wis., as a "potential witness" in the killings.

Scarseth was stopped for violating a skateboarding ordinance Friday — days before authorities were seeking him — in Fort Bragg, about 100 miles north of Jenner. That's where Lindsay Cutshall, 23, and her fiance, Jason Allen, 26, were found last week shot to death in their sleeping bags on a remote beach

Hunt for motorcyclists

ST. LOUIS — Authorities searching for a pack of highway stunt motorcyclists blamed for a wreck that seriously hurt five people in a sport utility vehicle say the case demonstrates how devil-may-care, high-speed antics can harm more than the dare-deatile.

A handful of motorcyclists were on Highway 364 on Saturday when they changed lanes and cut off a Ford Explorer, forcing that vehicle to swerve to the right

and hit a Chevrolet Suburban.

The Suburban tumbled down
an embankment, ejecting most of
its eight occupants.

From The Associated Press



Mistaken fund cuts

NEW ORLEANS — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said they mistakenly proposed to cut funds to three estuary programs in Texas and Louisiana in an effort to plug holes in a \$3.5 million deficit.

Last week, letters were sent to the three programs saying funding would be cut by about \$56,000 for each one, which is about 11 percent of their annual budgets. EPA's regional office that covers Texas and Louisiana proposed the cuts to make up for a deficit of \$1 million for salaries

ers Texas and Louisiana proposed the cuts to make up for a deficit of \$1 million for salaries and \$2.5 million for operating costs, said Miguel Flores, director of EPA's regional water quality protection division.

The estuary programs — the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program in Louisiana and the Galveston Bay Program and Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program in Texas — are part of the National Estuary Program. Upon review, Flores said his agency realized that NEP funding

could not be touched. Submerged-car death

KILLINGTON — A North Clarendon man was found dead inside his vehicle, which was submerged in a sewage pond. State police were called by workers at the maintenance building at the Sunrise Homeowners

Association in Killington.
Police said Christian Hansen,
45, an employee from the maintenance building, was reported missing and so was his vehicle. Co-workers suspected that the vehicle may have accidentally bear driven into a sewage pond adja-

cent to the maintenance building. Beating the system

BROWNSVILLE — South Texas college students looking to save money are heading to Mexico to copy their textbooks before returning them for a refund.

Jules Frapart, general manager of the Book Bee in Brownsville, said students commonly buy books from him, copy them in Matamoros, Mexico, and return them.

An employee at Papeleria La Espanola in Matamoros said it costs 3.5 U.S. cents per page to copy a book. Pasting or binding the book costs \$2.36. That adds up to less than \$13 to copy a 300-page book.

Textbooks range in price from \$20 to more than \$100 at Frapart's store in Brownsville. Josefina Ruiz, a recent gradu-

Josenna Ruiz, a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, said copying textbooks is wrong but is sometimes justified. She said the government and university don't provide enough money for the average student to pay for classes.

Ready for candidates

MADISON — Wisconsin cities are shelling out tens of thousands of dollars to keep President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry safe as they make stop after stop in the Dairy State.

The visits force cities to absorb thousands of dollars in overtime for police, paramedics and street



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crews. Several cities are contemplating billing the campaigns, although federal law doesn't require campaigns to pay.

Park road closed

WEST GLACIER — A Gmile stretch of the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Validation of the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier Stationard and the strength of the Going and the stationard and the going and the stationard through midwale while cream and closed through midwels while cream at tempt to remove an estimated 200 truckloads of debris.

Dangerous curves

RC SPARTA — The Blue Ridge Parkway has become the scene of an increasing number of motorcycle wrecks that rangers say probably are the result of inexperienced or inattentive drivers on the winding mountain highway.

The parkway's sometimes steep grades and changes in radius can prove tricky. More often than not, motorcycle accidents are happening at or below the parkway's 45-mph speed limit, rangers say.

Some, including a fatal accident last week, have been on straight stretches of road on dry, clear days. Ten people died on motorcycles from 1998-2000, the most recent years for which accident figures are available.





Guard dog

A Silky Yorkie named Pooh relaxes by an award-winning vintage 1936 Chevrolet Low Cab owned by Roger Mills, of Floresville, Texas, during the 4th annual Big Bands and Cool Cars event in Kerrville, Texas.

Sex ring busted

ME SACO — A Saco woman's report of a sexual assault led police to a Skowhegan man they say was running a prostitution ring from his mobile home, using a cellular telephone and the Internet.

Police arrested James R. Taylor, 47, on a charge of promoting prostitution after allegedly taking money as payment for a liaison between a man and the woman, who was employed by Taylor's Es-

corts and Entertainers service.
Police say the 23-year-old
woman, who also worked at a
Portland gentlemen's club, reported that she had been sexually assaulted by a man who did not pay
her for sexual services.

Taylor also was charged with possession of drugs including cocaine, opiates and marijuana.

Two found shot dead

DALLAS — A man and his nephew were found shot to death at a residence where hundreds of roosters were being kept. Authorities said they had few details but believed the two were feeding the roosters when they were shot.

The bodies were found by a relative, Dallas Police Sgt. A.R. Martinez said. "We're just trying to work what we have and it's not too much right now," he said.

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The shootings occurred in a rural area of Dallas.

Campaign fund changes

COLUMBUS — Governor Table Table and Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell are sagain calling for sweeping changes to the way campaigns are funded in Ohio. Both want public disclosure of the names of all contributors to independent ad campaigns and political party operating account of the contribution of th

Prison for beating mom

MARIETTA — Steven Bone became the first person to be sentenced for physically abusing an elderly person under a state law that makes such crimes a felony.

Bone. 41. was sentenced to 20

years in prison for mistreating his mother and threatening to kill her if she complained about him stealing her Social Security checks. Geneva Bone, 71, was kept locked in a bedroom and deprived of food

West Nile virus alert

HONOLULU — State health officials are asking island doctors to be on the lookout for any cases of West Nile virus.

The Department of Health said there have been no cases of the

disease reported in Hawaii.

However, there has been a rise in the number of cases along the West Coast, which increases the risk of the disease finding its way to Hawaii, officials said.

The sometimes-fatal disease is spread by the bite of infected mosquitos. People, birds and other animals can become infected, but West Nile virus isn't transmitted from person to person or from birds to people.



Laying it in Joshua Braxton shoots a basketball at Randolph Community Center in Richmond, Va.



Heavy lifting Jared Lacko, 4, runs with a cube of air in Bristol, Conn., during the city's heritage festival.



Paddling in the Potomac Surlers and kayakers, with the Key Bridge in the background, take on the Potomac River along the banks of Washington, D.C. It was a part of the Capitol Chapter of Surfrider Foundation's 10th annual Paddle For Clean Water, for awareness on pollution problems along Potomac. Anacostia watersheeks, the Bay and Matintic beaches.



Nice shades Cujo, a teacup Chihuahua, peers over sunglasses prior to competing in the swimsuit
competiton at the Doggie Splash in Abilene. Texas.



Mike Royal lands a jump during the 2004 U.S. National Disabled Water Ski Championships in Fergus Falls, Minn. Royal was competing in the V-2/3 division for the visually impaired.

Cowabunga!



Sunflower feast A bumble bee prepares to land on a large sunflower in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Banning rentals

TX GALVESTON — Some Texas Gulf Coast communities are joining a nationwide trend of banning short-term rentals of vacation homes in an effort to protect the peace and quiet of their neighborhoods.

But some critics say the trend could cost cities hundreds of thousands of dollars in hotel occupancy taxes that they use for cleaning and patrolling beaches and could drive investors out of the beach-and-bay real estate mar-

In 2003, the total local hotel and motel tax, which would include homes and corporate-owned properties, totaled \$2.7 million, with a state rebate of \$1.3 million to the island.

Hurricane brings stork

VA CHARLOTTESVILLE — Hurricane Isabel wasn't all bad, apparently.

Martha Jefferson Hospital is reporting record numbers of births for June and July, and Isabel can take the credit.

Isabel slammed Virginia on Sept. 18, 2003. There were 168 births in June, and 163 in July about 20 more than usual for each month. When Isabel struck, Martha Jefferson nurses said they knew they'd be facing a storm of

"Historically, when we have power outages or snowstorms, we'll see a burst of babies," nurse Kim Smith said. "With Isabel, the power was out for a long time."

New home for bears

RI ATTLEBORO — They helped put Capron Park Zoo on the map, but now it's time for the sloth-bear parents to bid adjeu to their twin cubs.

Zoo officials separated the twin female cubs from their parents and started looking for a new home for them when mating season began earlier this year because they feared that Dad might take a liking to one of them.

The 19-month-old cubs are not only too young to have children of their own, but zoo director Shira Marcure says a father-daughter creation would not result in good gene pairing and a successful birth.

For unknown reasons, there is a 50 percent mortality rate for sloth bears, an endangered species.

Heat, fuel fund program

AK JUNEAU — A new state loan program aims to help rural communities whose poor credit history has made them ineligible for state loans to buy winter heating oil and diesel fuel. The program pairs cash-strapped villages and regional partners, such as utilities, that will ensure the loans are repaid.

The partners will provide financial oversight and management

Activist loses lawsuit

RENO — Guy Felton, an activist accused of using foul language before being forcibly removed from a 1999 council meeting, lost his federal lawsuit against former Mayor Jeff Griffin

A judge ruled that Griffin was trying to curb Felton's disruptive behavior, not to limit his speech, when he threw him out of the

council chambers. Felton said he will appeal.

Collecting for orphans

GARRISON — An eastern towa woman is gathering shoes, socks and clothing to send to orphans in Afghanistan who will soon face the country's harsh winter. Jenni Birker's father, who's stationed with the Iowa National Guard near an orphanage, recently sent an e-mail pleading for more than 300 pairs of shoes. Birker has put collection boxes birker has put collection boxes

Birker has put collection box in local businesses.

Parking revenue down

DENVER — Mayor John Hickenlooper's campaign pledge to lower parking meter rates downtown paid off politically but isn't paying off fiscally. The city has collected about

The city has collected about \$500,000 less in parking revenue during Hickenlooper's first year in office. His administration reduced the hourly parking rate to \$1 from \$1.50 and made parking free on Sunday.

Lake protection plan

LAS VEGAS — The seven states sharing the Colorado River are considering a plan to protect Lake Powell by cutting the amount of water released downstream to Lake Mead, a Nevada water official said.

Under the plan, which could be implemented if drought persists through the winter, the amount of water released from Lake Powell, on the Utah-Arizona border, would be reduced from 8.23 million acre-feet to 7.8 million acre-feet, Southern Nevada Water Authority General Manager Pat Mulroy said.

The nearly 9.5 percent reduction could help keep Lake Powelf from shrinking further, jeopardizing power generation at Glen Canyon Dam. But it could also accelerate a drop in the water level downstream at Lake Mead, the primary water supply for Las Vegas, Multyoy said.

Town honors Disney

MARCELINE, — The town of Marceline dedicated its post office to Walt Disney, a hometown boy who made good.

Disney was born in Marceline on Dec. 5, 1901. The post office was renamed in his honor after Rep. Sam Graves and Sen. Jim Talent sponsored a bill authorizing the change. A souvenir "Walt Disney Post

Office" postmark will soon be offered at the Marceline facility.

City to fly 1814 flag

MD BALTIMORE — Mayor Martin O'Malley ordered all city buildings to replace their modern American flags with the flag that inspired the national anthem.

The 15-star, 15-stripe design flew over Fort McHenry in 1814, when it survived a fierce bombardment from British ships. A replica is already flying at City Hall

Stories and photos from wire services

YOUR MONEY

Satellite: A television star

Service making big gains in market once dominated by cable

BY SANDY SHORE
The Associated Press

DENVER — As a self-described creature of habit, Glen Goldman stayed loyal to his cable company until he was left without a choice.

Goldman switched to satellite TV service when he moved into a new home that lacked the proper wiring for cable and he's never looked back. The advantages he sees roll off his tongue — digital picture, high-definition TV, more choices and a user-friendly channel guide.

"The number of channels and variety is much better than what I had in cable for a few dollars more a month," Goldman said. "I like being able to get the direct signal without it being weakened by having to go through various switches and cable lines."

The Denver attorney is among thousands of Americans who have defected to satellite TV as the providers have reported hefty gains while the cable industry has declined. Consumers likely will see aggressive marketing promotions in the next six months as companies jockey for customers, analysts say.

The battle comes down to service and price: Cable companies offer video-on-demand features, high-speed Internet and, in some cases, telephone service. Satellite providers have all-digital service and channel packages that can be cheaper and broader than digital cable.

"The consumer is voting with their pocketbook and they're saying they prefer satellite, and I don't think we're as good as we're going to get," CEO Charlie Ergen of EchoStar Communications Corp., which operates the Dish Network told analysts last week.

Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, is expecting a slightly more competitive environment but believes it will post a net subscriber gain by year end. "We like the fact that we're going to have unique competitive advantages in the market-place," said Dave Watson, executive vice president of Comcast Cable operations.

Satellite television has grown substantially since 1999 when Congress allowed providers to begin offering local channels. Today, it has nearly one-fourth of all households that subscribe to pay television services.

News Corp.'s DirecTV, the nation's largest satellite TV provider, is in 106 markets and No. 2 EchoStar is in 144 markets.

By June 30, the satellite providers had posted a combined net gain of about 1.6 million subscribers, putting their total at 23.2 million subscribers, according to Kagan Research LLC, a media business research firm.

Part of the growth can be attributed to the expansion into new markets, including rural areas, as well as competitive pricing because cable customers typically have to pay extra for digital service, analysts say.

Satellite providers also have been quicker to the market with innovative technology, such as interactive services and digital video recorders, said Sean Badding, president of The Carmel Group market research firm.

Goldman, who purchased his Dish Network service from Suc Comm Technologies Inc., pays from \$10 to \$13 more a month than he did for analog cable. He particularly enjoys the DVR, which allows him to record multiple showings of a program his 3-year-old son loves.

"That's extremely important when you have a kid that loses acertain cartoon and they may be in school or unavailable," he said. "You want to get them so they can watch that at some point in the day when you need a few minutes to yourself."

The cable industry posted a net loss of about 300,000 subscribers in the first six months, dropping its total to about 65.7 million, said cable analyst Renee Shaening of Kagan Research LLC, a media

business research firm.
About 80 percent of television households in the United States subscribe to some sort of pay television service, leaving the market mature but not saturated, she said.

Denver attorney Glen Goldman holds the remote control for his satellite TV service as he watches the Olympic Games coverage in his Littleton, Colo., home last week. Goldman is among thousands of Americans who have defected from cable TV. Satellite TV providers have reported hefty sains while the cable industry has declinated.

Most analysts believe cable will rebound slightly by year end, with flat to modest growth. Satellite will grow steadily, they say, until it completes local market launches

They note that a key advantage cable has over satellite is broadband Internet service. Both satellite providers have marketing relationships with some telephone companies that offer DSL lines, but they are not truly bundled services, Shaening said.

Ergen said his company is making "small bets" on broadband technology, such as its relationship with San-Antonio-based SBC Communications Inc. It also is scheduled to launch a satellite next month that has some broadband capability and some satellite spectrum will be available in the next few years that will have more wireless capability, he said.

"We're treading water because we don't know how it's all going to turn out," he said. "I feel pretty comfortable that we understand the technology and discipline. When it's all said and done ... I think we will be in pretty good shane."

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Sources: The Associated Press	s, Bank

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Quiz kids on money savvy

CBS MarketWate

NEW YORK — To understand where your child gets his or her ideas about money, look at your behavior first.

The GE Center for Financial Learning reports that 71 percent of kids say they learn about money from their parents. But the same survey found that 45 percent of kids say their parents seldom include them in discussions about money.

In her new book "Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees," author and former banker Neal S. Godfrey quizzes parents on their money habits.

Ask yourself these 10 simple Ask yourself these 10 simple messages you're sending: If your child asks for money, do you fork it over? Do you give money in response to nagging or wheedling? Are you afraid to say, "This doesn't fit into our budget?" Do you feel your kids must have

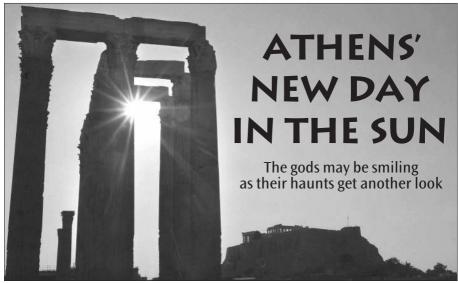
what other kids have? Do you

make sure your kids are out of the room when you sit down to balance the family budge? Do you forbid your kids to look at the check when you go to a restaurant? Do you use credit cards to buy things for your kids when you know you shouldn? Have you ever spent money on your kids without letting your spouse know? Have you ever bought something for your kids because know? Have you ever bought something to you kids because spouse to be the one who bought if for them? Do you use a shopping trip as a reward for good behavior? Do you know what your

kids spend their own money on?
Most parents say "yes" to one
or more of these questions, and
it's time to check that behavior.
Godfrey writes that even one
"yes" answer means you may be
inadvertently teaching your children poor money management.

For resources to teach your kids about money, visit www.practicalmoneyskills.com or www.financiallearning.com.

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It took more than 600 years for the Greeks to finish the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and by then, about A.D. 131, the Romans were in power. The temple once housed a colossal gold and ivory statue of Zeus, the ruler of the gods in Greek mythology.

BY ALLEN HOLDER Knight Ridder Newspapers

stood outside the gates of Panathinaiko Stadium in Athens, trying to listen for the ghosts of athletes who have competed at the site since antiquity. But all I could hear were cars and buses and people buzzing behind me.

Funny thing about Athens. You're never too far from reminders of the storied ancient civilization here, where the names of heroes like Hercules and Perseus and Achilles are still bandied about. But you can never forget that this is a thoroughly modern city, whose population has mushroomed from perhaps 4,000 people in the mid-19th century to 4 million today.

Panathinaiko Stadium reaches into the past and the present. Ancient Greeks competed in the Panathenian Games at this site. The modern Olympics began here in 1896. And this year's Olympic athletes have retraced the route of a Greek messenger named Pheidippides in 490 B.C. The first marathon.

Like the sirens of Homer's Odyssey, the ruins atop the Acropolis were calling to me. Two days after arriving, I still hadn't had more than a quick, distant glimpse of the Parthenon on its peak. It was driving me crazy. So I made the Acropolis my top priority.

In the last few years, Athens has transformed Dionysiou Areopagitou from a city street into a wide pedestrian promenade that links many of the major archaeological sites. It's one of many Olympic improvements — a nice walk and great way to get to the shops of the Monastiraki neighborhood or the restaurants and tavernas of the Plaka district.

More importantly for me, it provided almost a straight pathway from my hotel to the Acropolis.

But this wasn't my day. When I arrived, the gates were closed — but the view wasn't.

The Acropolis is one of the highest points in Athens, offering a panoramic look at the densely populated central city.

Several people were exploring the rocky hill, but even more were on the next peak. I headed west and climbed the slippery steps of Mars Hill, or Areopagus. This slope has ties to history, too. Athens' supreme court once met here. St. Paul preached from here and baptized the first Greek Christians.

Mars Hill offers a spectacular vista of the Ancient Agora, the marketplace where Greeks once traded and where Socrates met with his friends and debated philosophy in the fifth century B.C.

I followed the road downhill for a closer look. The Agora (a gathering place) was the center of life in ancient Athen I. Ontained shops, schools, a theater, courts, even a mint. Its ruins are scattered over several acres in a parklike setting, but without a detailed map it's difficult to tell what's what. I found signs pointing to an altar to Zeus and remains of a 15 B.C. concert hald dedicated to Agrippa, son-in-law of the Roman emperor Augustus, but little else to give me information about this treasure trove.

The standout relic, without a doubt, is the Temple of Hephaestus, dedicated to the god of the forge and built about 49 B.C. It's easily one of the best-preserved temples anywhere in Athens, with 34 tall Doric columns intact and still supporting its roof. A frieze on one side depicts the 12 labors of Hercules. It takes a good deal of imagination to mentally reconstruct many of the ruins in the Agora. Not here.

SEE ATHENS, PAGE 20



A view of the ancient Agora, or marketplace, from Anafiotika in Athens. The Agora stands at the foot of the Acropolis, across the road from the bustling Monastiraki neighborhood, a big tourist draw.

ATHENS, FROM PAGE 21

A better understanding might be available in the Agora Museum, which was closed earlier this year for renovation and reopened in time for the Olympics.

At the foot of the Acropolis, across the road from the bustling Monastiraki neighborhood, crowded with tourists and souvenir shops, stands another ancient marketplace, the Roman Agora, which mostly dates to Roman times

The area's most prominent feature is a curious octagonal structure called the Tower of the Winds, which was built in the second century B.C. The 40-foot marble tower had several purpose apparently, but most prominent were a water clock and weather vane. Friezes on each of its eight sides personify the eight winds.

There was one sure way to get inside the gates of the Acropolis, Ifigured: Join a tour. So the next morning I climbed aboard a bus and headed straight to, well, the Temple of Olympian Zeus.

First things first, I suppose. Zeus was the ruler of the gods in Greek mythology, after all—and what a temple they built to him. It had 104 Corinthian columns topped with acanthus leaves. Each column was more than 50 feet tall. Only 15 remain—offering just a hint of its grandeur—including one that has been lying on the ground since a storm in the 19th century. This was the largest temple in Greece, larger than the Partheron

What's perhaps more interesting is that it took more than 600 years to finish this monster, and by then, about A.D. 131, the Romans were in power.

It's easy to get confused about all these ruins after a couple of days in Athens. Which temple belonged to which god? And how did the Greeks come up with all of this? It had been a long time since my last mythology class in college.

As we finally headed toward the Acropolis, our guide (conveniently named Athena) tried to clear things up: In the early days of Athens, the gods were competing to see who would become the city's patron. The two final candidates — Athena, goddess of wisdom, and Poseidon, god of the sea — each presented a gift to the city.

Poseidon caused a spring to appear, Athena an olive tree. Hers was deemed to be the more useful gift, so the city was named for her and the most spectacular temple, the Parthenon, was built in her honor. Poseidon's prize was a smaller Acropolis temple, called the Erechtheion. Much of Athens has heen

hidden under scaffolding this year, and it's no different on the Acropolis. But unlike much of the work, the Parthenon's restoration work wasn't an Olympic project.

project.
"We don't restore just for the Olympics," said Athena. "It is a permanent restoration."

Even if parts of it are shrouded, it's hard not to stare gapemouthed at the Parthenon. It's also hard not to take sides when you're told that 95 percent of its decorative elements are in the British Museum in London. The so-called Elgin Marbles, the friezes that decorated the Par.



thenon, were acquired by Lord Elgin in 1801 and have been in British possession almost as

Athena seemed almost apologetic when talking about the artwork. If the British Museum were forced to give up everything in its displays that come from other countries, she contended, it would have nothing left to exhibit.

"At least you can see them



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Plaster casts have replaced the Caryatids statues, which supported the roof of the south portico of the Erechtheion in Athens. The real Caryatids are in museums. Greek mythology says the gods gave the Erechtheion to Poseidon and built the Parthenon in honor of Athena.

there," shot back an English woman on our tour.

A new Acropolis Museum is under construction and reportedly is leaving space for the Marbles, just in case the Greek and British governments reach agreement on their return to Athens. It

will be finished in a couple of years.

Other pieces of art also are missing from the ruins but not from the Acropolis. At the Erechtheion, plaster casts have replaced the original statues of women that were used for columns on the Porch of the Caryatids. The originals - well, five of them — are on display in the protected environs of the Acropolis Museum. The sixth is - did you guess? at the British Museum Besides the Parthenon and the Erech-

theion, the Acropolis is crowded with ruins. For starters, these include the small Temple of Athena Nike, the Propylaia, which was intended as a gateway to the Acropolis, and the Beule Gate, built several hundred years

I especially liked the two amphitheaters that hug the side of the cliff. Even in ruin, their purpose is immediately apparent.

later

The Theater of Dionysos, from

the sixth century B.C., staged tragedies, dramas and comedies and was used in Roman times for gladiator contests. The Theater of Herodes Atti-

cus, to its west, was built in Roman times but was restored in the 1950s and continues to be used for events today. What a setting for a concert. Can a stage upstage its stars?

All of this reminded me a little of the Panathinaiko Stadium, its long history of athletic competition and its return to prominence in this year's Olympics. I stood on the Acropolis,

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■ Getting in: American travelers to Greece need a passport but no visa for stays of up to three months.

Getting around: Although rental car agencies, including some well-known American companies, seem to be situated on every corner. Athens has a reputation as one of the most trafficclogged cities in Europe Parking is even more of a problem. The Metro subway system is a welcome relief for transportation to most central points in Athens. One-way tickets cost the equivalent of about 85 cents: an all-day pass is about \$3.60. A new tram system connects Athens to coastal Olympics venues and a new suburban rail line links the airport to the central city.

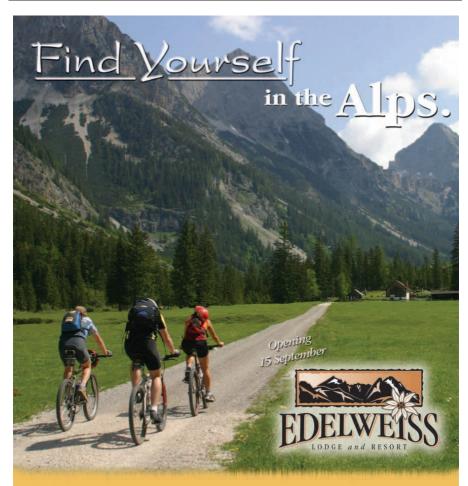
in Tours: Tour companies in Athens provide half-day and daylong tours of the city as well as multi-day trips that include other Greek sites. If you're on your own, you can save by buying a ticket for for about \$15 that gets you into six sites: the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, the Theaster of Dionyson, the Roman Agora, Keramento of Olympian Zeus.

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looked down at the theater, and listened for ghosts. Again, no voices called from the past, but there was plenty of evidence of modern Athens: traffic, tourists snapping pictures and chatting, and tour guides calling over the din, directing them to their huses.





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Das MoMA



Above: A close-up of Max Beckmann's "Self-portrait with a Cigarette" from 1923. It is one of the works from New York's Museum of Modern Art on display at the Neue Nationalgalerie in Berlin until Sept. 19. Below: A visitor to the MoMA exhibit checks out "Dance (First Version)" by Henri Matises.





Modern art exhibit from New Yo

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS Stars and Stripes

t's the hottest ticket in town — maybe in all of Germany, or even Europe. But once you buy a ticket to New York's Museum of Modern Art show in Berlin, be prepared to stand in line for hours to get in.

The show is so popular that from Sept. 1 through Sept. 19 when it closes, the opening hours have been extended to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and until midnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Why is it so popular? Well, besides the fact that you don't have to cross the Atlantic to see it, the exhibit features 200 masterpieces by the top names in late 19th- and 20th-century art. Cezame, van Gogh, Kadinsky, Monet, Matisse, Picasso, Klee, Dali, Warhol, Newman, Johns and Lichtenstein, just to name a few.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York is going through extensive renovation and expansion, and while it is closed (until Nov. 20), it is exhibiting some of its famous works at the Neue Nationalgalerie in the German capital. Thus the name of the show, "Das MoMA in Berlin."

The art display stretches from the postimpressionist period to the modern, taking in such styles as symbolism, cubism, dadaism, surrealism, expressionism and pop art and ends with contemporary German artist Gerhard Richter's cycle on the Red Army Faction terror-

Some of the highlights are Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night." Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," Henri Matisse's "Dance (First Version)," Pablo Picasso's "Girl Before a Mirory," Piet Mondrain's "Composition in Black, White and Red," Salvador Dali's "Illumined Pleasures," Edward Hopper's "Gas," Jasper John's "Map," Roy Lichtenstein's "Drowning Giri" and "Before and After" by Andy Warhol

The show has been a hit since it opened in February and has only become more popular with time. Before the doors open in the morning, the line is wrapped around the square Nationalgalerie. An hour later, the wait to get in is five hours, and an hour later you can't buy tickets for same-day entrance.

Nationalgalerie officials do guarantee you will get in if they sell you a ticket, however. Street artists entertain the waiting and collansible stools can be borrowed.

One reason for the wait is that no more than 1,000 people are allowed in at a time. And when the weather is hot, even fewer. Temperature and humidity are measured constantly to protect the artworks, according to Sylvie Buschmann, a member of the MoMA press team.

When heat and humidity go up, people stay out. With the longer opening hours in September, organizers hope the wait at the door will shorten. But don't bet on it.

If you are in Berlin, or if you are interested in modern art, head to the MoMA in Berlin, and save yourself a plane ticket to the Big Apple.

E-mail Michael Abrams at: abramsm@mail.estripes.osd.



Above: A close-up of Marc Chagall's vibrant "I and Below: Claude Monet's "Water Lilies" is the larges by 4.25 meters.





rk has 'em standing in line in Berlin



he Village." piece on display in the MoMA show, at 2 meters



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Above: Paul Klee's "Cat and Bird." Above left: People wait to enter the MoMA exhibit in Berlin. By the time the show closes on Sept. 19, about 1 million people will have seen it.

If you go to the MoMA in Berlin

■ Where: Neue Nationalgalerie at Potsdamer Strasse 50, Berlin. ■ When: Until Sept. 19

■ How to get there: S-Bahn lines 1 and 2, get off at Potsdamer Platz. Line UI get off at Kurfürstenstrasse; on line U2 exit at Mendelsohn-Bartholdy-Park. Buses 129, 148, 200, 248, 348 also stop

■ Hours: Until Aug. 30 the exhibit is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Satur-

day, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
From Sept. 1 through Sept. 19, the hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to midnight. Closed

■ Cost: Tuesday to Friday 10 euros for adults and 5 euros for The exhibit catalogue costs 29 euros. A headphone audio tour costs 4 euros, with a 20 euros deposit.

More information: The MoMA in Berlin Web site is:

www.das-moma-in-berlin.de

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Above: A patron ponders a sculpture by Pablo Picasso called

Left: A visitor checks out Salvador Dali's "Illumined Pleasures" while listening to an audio tour of the exhibit.

Volksmarch

ave you registered your team for next weekend's Heidelberg International Wandering Club's Commander's Cup in Heidel-

herg. Germany? If not, get going! Call Rob or Cath Floy at (+49) (0) 6227-841226 or (+49) (0) 172-6239338 to register or for information. You can also e-mail them at hiwc@vahoo

Jennifer West



com. They'll need to know the name of the unit and number of marchers. Members of your unit may walk on either day. The club still needs

your help to make this the best ever. Don't forget that volunteers will receive free good. ies and the chance to get their mugs before they're sold out.

And finally, don't miss next week's column for all the details on the club's annual volksmarch, an event you won't want to miss

Notes about this week's volksmarches ■ Young-Walkers'-Tour, or Bambini-Liga, credit is available at Achern Mösbach, Blumberg, Glottertal and Heimsheim Germany

■ The oldest city in the German Hunsrück region, Kirchberg, holds its 29th walking event this weekend. Start the 5K and 10K Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the 20K starts 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A pocket knife is the prize.

■ Yet again, the prize at Leinburg, Germany, this weekend is a trophy. This club also offered a trophy the past few years, a prize you don't see very often. The start window on both Saturday and Sunday is 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the finish is 4 p.m.

■ The members of the Volkssportverein 1985 e.V. Grolsheim are sponsoring 5K and 10K trails that begin from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. A 15K will start at 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Previous year's awards are available in limited quantities.

For the second year in a row I forgot to add the "D" code to the Höheinöd. Germany, listing. Shower facilities are available for this Kaiserslautern Military Community nearby walk.

If you're driving on Autbahn 62 from the Kaiserslautern/Landstuhl direction. heading toward Pirmasens, take the Höheinöd exit which, believe it or not, is located within a rest area. Exit at the rest area, proceed about 100 meters, slow down and take a sharp right/left jog. At the sign, turn right toward the traffic circle and follow the signs to the start.

If you're coming from the Pirmasens direction, heading towards Kaiserslautern/ Landstuhl, exit at the rest area on the opposite side and take an immediate right turn after only 20 meters. Turn right under the bridge and proceed to the traffic circle.

I travel these roads almost every day and can't stress enough that you slow down in the rest areas due to traffic and hazardous turns. Arrive safely!

■ Here are some notes about this weekend's Italian walks from Clark Soeldner, our Italian walking connection

The Clauzetto walk of the Clapadories (stonewall-lined paths) is a favorite. It's a mix of forest trails, paths, gravel and asphalt roads typical of the Friuli Mountains. Watch for the special paths with stonewalls on both sides. Arrive early, parking is an adventure (or a long uphill walk to the start!).

The Longare event begins at the Piazzale by the elementary school. In the past, the walk has been well organized with plenty of parking, a good mix of flat areas (asphalt) and hills (gravel and trails) Don't forget to get your panini at the end.
The Campo Sportivo in V. Aldo Moro is

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

	Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
	Austria						
	Allentsteig	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	F	6, 12, 20	Gasthaus Wisauer	Souvenir	NW of St. Pölten
	Allentsteig	Sat & Sun 0600-0900	M	42	Gasthaus Wisauer	Patch & certificate	NW of St. Pölten
	Dornbirn	Sat 0800-1300, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 13	Werkhof-Areal	Souvenir	S of Bregenz
	Belgium						
	Masbourg	Sun 0700-1400	-	6 & 10	Salle des grand Prés	No award	NW of Bastogne
	Masbourg	Sun 0700-1400	-	15 & 20	Salle des grand Prés	No award	NW of Bastogne
	Denmark						
	Birket (Nordlolland)	Fri 1830	-	10	Skole	No award	NE of Nakskov
	Hvalsø Hvalsø	Sun 0800-1200 Sun 0800-1200	-	5 & 12 20 & 30	Skole Skole	No award No award	SE of Roskilde SE of Roskilde
	Kragenæs (Nordiolland)	Sat 0800-1200	-	10 & 20	Havn	No award	NE of Nakskov
	Tingsted	Sun 0800-1100	-	5 & 10	Skole	No award	N of Nykøbing
	Tingsted Tingsted	Sun 0800-1000 Sun 0800-0900	1	20 30	Skole Skole	No award No award	N of Nykøbing N of Nykøbing
	Vamæs (Åbenrå)	Sun 0700-1200	-	7, 10, 14	Skole	No award	NW of Sønderborg
	Varnæs (Åbenrå)	Sun 0700-1000	-	22	Skole	No award	NW of Sønderborg
	Varnæs (Åbenrå)	Sun 0700-0800	-	25 & 35	Skole	No award	NW of Sønderborg
	France						
	Carling Contz-Les-Bains	Sun 0600-1300 Sun 0700-1400	F F	10 & 20	Centre Sportif Mille-Club	No award No award	N of St. Avold NE of Thionville
	Contz-Les-Bains Contz-Les-Bains	Sun 0700-1400 Sun 0700-1300	F	10	Mille-Club Mille-Club	No award No award	NE of Thionville NE of Thionville
	Hultehouse	Sun 0700-1500	F	10	Salle Polyvalente	No award	W of Saverne
	Hultehouse	Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Salle Polyvalente	No award	W of Saverne
	Germany						
	Achern-Mösbach	Sat 1300-1700, Sun 0700-1300 Sat 1300-1500, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6 & 10	Dreikirschen-Halle	Flower souvenir	BWS, SW of Baden-Baden
	Achern-Mösbach Allendorf	Sat 1300-1500, Sun 0700-1300 Sat & Sun 0700-1400	BFX	20 6 & 11	Dreikirschen-Halle Gemeindezentrum	Flower souvenir B-medal/Clown	BWS, SW of Baden-Baden RP, NW of Wiesbaden
	Allendorf	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Gemeindezentrum	B-medal/Clown	RP, NW of Wiesbaden
	Blumberg Bumbera	Sat 0800-1500, Sun 0700-1300 Sat 0800-1300, Sun 0700-1300	F	6 & 10 20	Stadthalle Stadthalle	Figurine Figurine	BWS, NW of Singen BWS, NW of Singen
	Burg-Gemünden	Sat 1300-1800, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	HE, NW of Glessen
	Burg-Gemünden	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	HE, NW of Giessen
	Glottertal Glottertal	Sat 1200-1700, Sun 0630-1300 Sat 1200-1500, Sun 0630-1300	F	5 & 10 20	Eichberghalle Eichberghalle	Porcelain clown Porcelain clown	BWS, W of VillSchwenninger BWS, W of VillSchwenninger
	Grolsheim	Wed 0700-1800	BFX	5 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	RP, S of Bingen
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	Höheinöd	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX3.5	5, 10, 20	Sportplatz Sägmühle	B-medal	RP, S of Landstuhl
	Karlsbrunn Kirchberg	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1200 Sat & Sun 0700-1400	F	5, 10, 20 5 & 10	Turnhalle Stadthalle	No award Pocket knife	SAR, SW of Saarbrücken RP, NW of Bad Kreuznach
	Kirchberg	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Stadthalle	Pocket knife	RP. NW of Bad Kreuznach
	Leinburg	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F_	5, 10, 20	Schützenhaus	Trophy	FRM, E of Nürnberg
	Oberzell Oberzell	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300 Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	FPs Bike	5, 10, 20 25 & 50	Schussentalhalle Schussentalhalle	Clown	BWS, SW of Ravensburg BWS, SW of Ravensburg
	Schmelz-Limbach	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	F	5, 10, 20	Talbachhalle	Jumbo stuffed bear	SAR, NE of Saarlouis
	Zeitlarn	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 10, 20	Gemeindehalle	B-medal	OPF, N of Regensburg
	Italy						
	Clauzetto	Sun 0830-0930	F	6, 12, 21	Central Sport Complex	T-Shirt	N of Spillimbergo
	Longare Roncaglia	Sun 0800-0900 Sun 0830	F F	5, 13, 22 5 & 12	See misc. notes	Bottle of wine No award	SE of Vicenza SE of Padova
	San Daniele del Friuli	Sun 0830-0930	F	8 & 15	Campo Sportivo See misc. notes	Prosciutto & beverage	
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	Switzerland						
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	Oberegg Olten	Sat 0700-1300, Sun 0700-1200 Sat & Sun 0630-1330	Х	20 6 & 12	Restaurant Säntis Turnhalle Bannfeld	Souvenir Souvenir	E of St. Gallen SE of Basel
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the Roncaglia di Ponte San Nicolo start.

A serving of Prosciutto and a beverage is the prize at San Daniele del Friuli. The walk is worth doing for the tour through the Centro Storico. It can be crowded at the end because the San Daniele Prosciutto festival is on at the same time. The start, on Via Aonedis by the Morgante Prosciutto Factory, is right off the SS13 on the south side of San Daniele.

Tres is a great marathon! Exit A22 at S. Michele and then go west on SS43 into Taio. Watch closely for a turn to the right in the center of town and then head a couple kilometers to Tres. The start is by the church at the high side of town; the finish is the Campo Sportivo, northeast below the church.

St. Odiliënberg, Netherlands, hosts the last of its 10-x-10K Summer Evening Walks Monday. Those who have completed 10 of the 13 events can receive a commemorative patch in addition to adding 100K to their IVV books just by walking 10 weeknights during the past three months. What a nice way to relax after a hard day's work.

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3-5. Grand' Place DENMARK

Telephone: (45) 33/111-325 www.visitdenmark.com COPENHAGEN: Tivoli gardens open, through Sept. 19 SONDERING: Sand sculpture festival, through Sept. 19. ODENSE: Gathering of ships. Aug. 25-29

HORSENS: Medieval festival. Aug.

ARHUS: Arhus festival. Sept. 1-5.

ENGLAND

26-31

3-Nov 7

Telephone: (44) 81/846-9000 www.visitbritain.com STOLIBBRIDGE: Festival of place Aug. 25-30 PORTSMOUTH: International kite festival, Aug. 28-30. PLYMOUTH: Navy days, Aug. 29,30

LONDON: Notting Hill carnival, Aug. 29-30 LIVERPOOL: Beatles fest, Aug.

SHEFFIELD: World fire fighters games, Aug. 28-Sept. 4. CHICHESTER: Goodwood revival, Sept. 3-5. Nostalgic motor racing BLACKPOOL: Illuminations, Sept.

DUXFORD: 2004 air show. Sept. 4-5

KENDAL: Torchlight carnival. Sept. 10

WINDSOR: Carriage driving championships, Sept. 10-12. Windsor Great Park, free.

THROUGHOUT the country: Heritage Days, Sept. 10-13. SOUTHAMPTON: Boat show

Sept. 10-12. YORK: Festival of food and drink, Sept. 10-Sept. 19

FRANCE

Telephone: (33) 1/49.52.53.54 www.francetourism.com NORMANDY: D-Day celebrations, through September. METZ: Flea market Aug. 29 (7 a.m.-6 p.m.), MUTTERSHOLTZ (Alsace): Night of the bat, Aug. 27

ERSTEIN (Alsace): Sugar festival, Aug. 27-29

HAGENTHAL-LE-HAUT (Alsace) Wine and cheese fair, Aug. 27-31. WASSELONNE (Alsace): Night flower parade, Aug. 28. EGUISHEIM (Alsace): Wine festival,

Aug. 28-29. SELTZ (Alsace): Wine festival. Aug.

28-30 WINGERSHEIM (Alsace): Hops

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STUTTGART: Wine village,

ment festival, Aug. 27-29.

KÖLN: Beer fair, Aug. 27-29.

MARKGRÖNINGEN: Shepherds'

BAD HOMBURG: Latern festival.

GÖTTINGEN: Old Town festival.

BAD EMS: St. Bartholomew market

and flower parade, Aug. 28-29.

MAINZ: Wine market festival, Aug.

WÜRZBURG: "Citizen's meal" festi-

TRIFR: Night shopping Aug. 28

HEIDELBERG: Castle illumination

KARLSRUHE: Beer fair. Sept. 3-5.

race. Aug. 27-30. Main day: Aug.

FRANKFI IRT: Museum Embank-

Sept. 4-5

Sept. 5

DEAUVILLE: American film festival.

BETSCHDORF (Alsace): Pottery

HOLTZWIHR (Alsace): Sauerkraut

KAYSERSBERG (Alsace): Pottery

ROSSFELD (Alsace): Beer festival,

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ITALY

Telephone: (39) 6/49-711 www.italiantourism.com SIENA: Barrel rolling contest. Aug. CERVETERI: Wine festival, Aug.

29 SAN DANIELE: Prosciutto festival Aug. 27 - 30.

VITERBO: Feast of Santa Rosa Sept. 3 AREZZO: Jousting of the Saracens,

Sept. 5 FLORENCE: Festival of the Rificolona Sept. 7

BRINDISI: Maritime procession, Sept. 1-7 GROSSETO: Palio delle Contrade,

Sept. 6-8. NAPLES: Madonna of Piedigrontta. Sept. 7-8.

TINDARI (Sicily): Festival of the Black Madonna of Tindari. Sept. 7-8

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EELDE: Flower parade. Sept. 4-5. VALKENSWAARD: Flower parade, Sept. 12

SCOTLAND

Telephone: (44) 1463/71-6996 www.visitscotland.com EDINBURGH: Military tattoo, through Aug. 28. EDINBURGH: Festival Fringe, through Aug. 30.

SPAIN

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SWITZERLAND

Telephone: (41) 1/288-1111 www.switzerlandtourism.ch ERIBOLIBG: International folk festival, through Aug. 29. GENEVA: Art'air, Sept. 3-5. Open-air painting competition.

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don/lon carn.htm.

GERMANY: If you're a shepherd or the daughter of an active shepherd, you qualify to enter Markgröningen Shepherd's Race on the weekend. A festival that is said to have begun in 1445, first sponsored by the master of the shepherd Bartel to thank his servant for his fidelity, the celebration runs Friday to Monday. It includes a sheep's market, handicrafts market, country market with stands, rides, parades (Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.) and Monday fireworks. The highlight is the race in which the participants run barefoot on a stubble field to vie for the position of shepherd queen and king. Entrance to the race costs five to 10 euros on Saturday and three to seven euros on Sunday for adults, discounts for children. The town's Web site is www.mark groeningen.de

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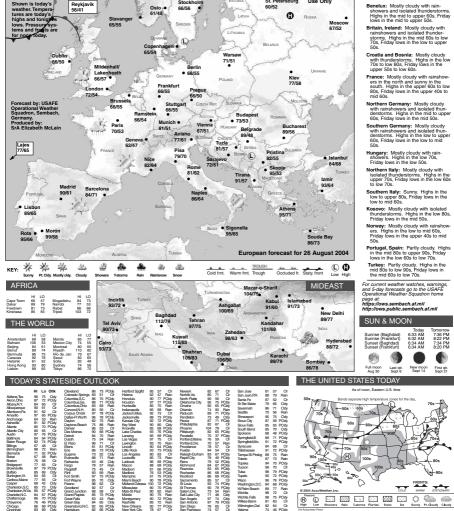
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Moviegoers settle in amid headstones and mausoleums to watch a classic film at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in July. It may sound morbid, but the showings are popular.

Films below and above the stars

Movie classics flicker to life in historic Hollywood cemetery

By Jessica Gresko

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Amid the mausoleums and

headstones at Hollywood Forever Cemetery, about 1,700 living guests have unfurled picnic blankets and set up beach chairs, erected makeshift coffee tables with flowers and candles, and unpacked dinners of sushi, fried chicken or pasta salad.

They're here for cinema cemetery-style, an experience shared with the graveyard's 88,000 long-term residents. Later, the night's film will start, projected on a mausoleum wall.

"It's the ultimate L.A. experience," film fan Mark Koberg said between mouthfuls of smoked turkey and arugula sandwiches, washed down with wine.

Six years ago the cemetery, which adjoins Paramount Studios' backlot, wouldn't have been as inviting.

Though at least a hundred Hollywood icons are laid to rest there — including actor Rudolph Valentino, "Ten Commandments" producer Cecil B. DeMille and Bugs Bunny voice Mel Blanc — the cemetery's own fame had faded. Its previous owners had run it into bankruptcy, and a 1994 earthquake left tombstones tilted and cracked, while EI Nino rains flooded its laded.

Then in 1998, Tyler Cassity, a cemetery entrepreneur, bought the century-old graveyard for \$375,000. He operates seven cemeteries in California, Illinois and Missouri. His first charge in Hollywood, however, was revitalizing the cemetery — repaving roads, replacing broken stained glass inside musoleums and righting monuments.

He also began showing movies. And he believes he's the only person in the country to combine classic movies and mausoleums.

Cassity began by showing a Valentino film on the anniversary of the romantic hero's death, when 200 to 300 fans would come by to pay their respects. Then he was approached by John Wyatt, the founder of Cinespia, a Los Angeles film society dedicated to screening and preserving classic films. The society was growing too large to go to screenings as a group and was looking for a new home, one with history. Weatt said.

Cassity said the partnership felt right: historic movies in a historic setting. Since then, Cinespia has made the 620-acre park its movie theater on summer weekends, and next year's season is already being planned. Wyatt, who chooses the films, says he likes bringing his

wyat, who chooses the limbs, and in least of linging instancing films to a wider audience, and Cassity attributes part of the series' success to a growing interest in death, pointing to the popularity of the HBD show "Six Feet Under" and a recent reality series about a family-run mortuary.

Visitors do keep some distance during the evening events. They don't actually sit on graves, though a few family mausoleums ring the perimeter of the lawn where movies are shown, including those of actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and his father a co-founder of United Artists.

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With album debuting at No. 1, Ashlee Simpson shows she's not mini-Jessica

BY ISAAC GUZMAN New York Daily News

Ashlee Simpson grew up in her sister Jessica's shadow, but today, the younger sibling is a star in her own right Ashlee's debut album, "Autobiography," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts, occupying a lofty slot that none of Jessica's three albums have managed to reach

"It's insane," Ashlee said of the record's opening week sales. "It's been a long, fun process. But it's not a compari-son [to Jessica] or anything like that."

The comparison, however, is something that Ashlee won't be able to avoid. After all, it was Jessica's fame that helped Ashlee snag both her Geffen Records deal and the self-titled MTV show (which aired in the time slot following big sister's "Newlyweds") that propelled the sales of "Auto biography.'

In the same way that Aaron Carter (brother of Backstreet Boy Nick) and Silkk the Shocker (brother of rap impresario aster P) practically inherited successful pop careers, Ashlee simply has taken advantage of a new form of celebritv nepotism.

It used to be that stars helped their children hit the big time. Now, well-organized stage parents prompt other talented members of their brood to enter the fray. Soon, we're also likely to hear about big projects from Haylie Duff (Hilary's older sister) and Jamie Lynn Spears (kin to Britney).

"You have young girls like Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears and Hilary Duff making such a great living," said Atoosa Rubenstein, editor of Seventeen magazine. "If you have another daughter or son who is equally talented, why wouldn't you want them in the family business? "These people have all developed very strong brands, and the sibling is just an extension of that brand," Rubenstein added.

At first, however, the spotlight illuminating her sister was something that Ashlee — now 20, four years younger than Jessica — could barely endure. When Jessica hit it big, Ashlee had to be content as a dancer in her sister's non

In the song "Shadow," Ashlee recounts the experience. "She was beautiful, she had everything and more," she sings. "It used to be so hard being me, living in the shadow of someone else's dream."

"That song is about such an emotional feeling inside,"
Ashlee said. "It's about dealing with the inner demons and the voices in your head. Around 7 is when I first felt that emotional detachment about everything, and I had to over-

In part, Ashlee rebelled against her sister's success by trying to be different. If Jessica was going to be the good girl who sang R&B songs, she'd be the rebel who tore up her clothes and immersed herself in the ways of rock's toughest women, such as Janis Joplin, The Pretenders' Chrissie Hynde and Blondie's Deborah Harry.

Both Beyonce Knowle's younger sister Solange and Bran-dy's brother Ray J failed to create identities apart from their family

MTV's "The Ashlee Simpson Show" gave her a chance to show potential fans that she wasn't simply a Jessica clone. Viewers got to see her as she occasionally struggled to hit the right notes or grew frustrated with the search to find songs and a rock sound to fit her quirky, aggressive person-

"If you're a sibling of a star, you have to prove that your image is not the same as theirs," said Amy Doyle, vice president of music programming for MTV.

The show quickly became one of the top five cable shows with viewers from 12 to 34. When MTV offered a free, advance Internet stream of "Autobiography," nearly 2.5 million fans logged on, eclipsing a record set by Britney Spears.

Ashlee attributes her following to changing trends in teen taste. In the late '90s, boy bands and pop were the fad; now. young people are more interested in the punk rock-inflected sound of Avril Lavigne.

"Kids are a lot smarter than people sometimes think that they are," Ashlee said. "More teenagers get you if you're just being yourself and being real. I never worried about if it was going to look or sound good on camera.

Elvis announcer dies at 81

Al Dvorin, the concert announcer who made famous the phrase "Elvis has left the building," was killed in an auto accident in California. He was 81

Dyorin was thrown from the car he was riding in Sunday after it swerved off a desert road near Ivanpah, the California Highway Patrol said.

The night before, Dvorin performed his signature closing line at an Elvis impersonator concert in California

A former bandleader and talent agent in Chicago. Dvorin was with the King from his early days as a performer and was on his last tour in 1977, the year Presley died.

The phrase that Dvorin made his signature was first uttered by other announcers early in Presley's career. It was intended to disperse audiences who lingered in hopes of an Elvis encore.

Page reputation cemented

Jimmy Page hasn't yet made it up the stairway to heaven, but he's the first to



Walk of Fame The former Led Zeppelin guitarist cast his hand prints in cement Monday as the first music legend to be featured on London's answer to the Hollywood

Walk of Fame "It's a real privilege Page and a great honor to be the first. I'm really chuffed," said Page, 60, "A Walk of Fame is

a fantastic idea, and it's high time we had one in London.' The site of the British version is taking shape outside the new Virgin Music super-

store on Piccadilly Circus, London's landmark crossmads. Page predicted it would soon become

crowded with hand prints. "If you started putting in all the people I think are deserving, you could cover the whole of London." he said.

arm to save his life during a solo hike in Utah, Aspen adventurer Aron Ralston has completed a grueling 100-mile race at an elevation of over 10 000 feet

More than 400 runners began the Leadville Trail race before dawn Saturday in Colorado, racing through hail and lightning at times, but fewer than half officially completed the race. Some dropped out because of nausea and cramps and others weren't able to cross the finish line within the 30-hour time limit.

Ralston, an official finisher with a time of 29:43, said he got sick after eating a sandwich but continued despite feeling nauseat-

Last April, Ralston was hiking alone, negotiating a canyon in southeastern Utah. when his right arm became pinned beneath an 800-pound boulder. After other failed attempts, he freed himself on the fifth day by



Since then, he has learned to play the piano one-handed, climbed 14,000-foot-tall Colorado mountains alone and returned to skiing and mountain biking.

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Climbing back in the race Just over a year after cutting off his right

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Prepared for battle

I joined the National Guard when I was 23 years old, with a 3-year-old daughter at home, and a college degree. For the writer of "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15) to say that I "didn't know what I was

getting myself into" is infuriating. I did not join the Army to sit behind a desk somewhere and read about "real soldiers" getting killed, while I'm safe and sound. I did not join for college money; I al-ready had my degree. I did not join for an extra paycheck, because, quite honestly when I enlisted I didn't realize we get paid for drill weekends in the National Guard.

I joined to be a soldier, to defend my country and kill bad guys, just like th men

I am currently serving in Iraq, where the battlefield is all around us. Wherever the Army takes me, I am prepared to fight. Sure, the dangers in Iraq can be scary, and don't intend to come across as a hard-core 11B wannabe; I'm just a commu-nication troop in a small unit. But I would not turn tail and run when faced with dan-

ger, because I'm not made like that. The American government has not forced me into harm's way. I eagerly sought it out. I would not change the fact that I joined. I would not change being in Iraq, and I would support any draft that included females, as we are capable of sharing the load and should do our part to defend freedom just as males have all these years

With all the stories of soldiers getting killed over here, I would not be able to look at myself in the mirror if I was not over here, doing "my fair share to keep alive the principles of freedom for which this country stands." It's only fair

Spc. Donna J. Smith Camp Cooke, Iraa

Woman's place in Army

In response to "Sending women to war the writer should fast forward to wrong Women are capable of much more than cooking, cleaning and looking good. I am an anti-feminist with the firm belief that women do have their place, but men have their place, too.

I love to clean shop and play with children, but there is much more to me than that. I am also capable of shooting just as well as a man, running just as fast, and fighting just as hard. But is this really at? I am not a female in the Army, about th I am a U.S. soldier.

When I got deployed to Iraq, I came when I could have gotten out of it - and I know countless males who found ways to go home. I knew what I was getting into then I joined the military. My first reason to join had nothing to do with the educa-tional benefits. It had everything to do with me being a fighter, loving the thrill of a challenge, and wanting to serve my coun-try. Women are not as naive as the writer makes them out to be. College money was just a great added bonus. I, along with countless other women would give my life freely to protect my country, or to protect the soldier next to me.

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We are in 2004, where terrorists attack people based on their origin, not sex. Bul-

lets know no gender. Let women defend themselves as men do, let us fight for our country. If you don't like it, leave the United States And for the record, women were not

sent here because of a severe manpower shortage. We were sent here because our nation is at war and we answered the call. Laura Johnston Al Taqaddum, Iraq

America's finest

After reading "Sending women to war wrong," I was left speechless by the author's comments. I am a five-year veteran of the U.S. Army, currently serving in Iraq. During my time in the Army, I have had the distinct honor and privilege of serving with some of this nation's finest females

Females have served and died for their country during times of conflict in every war we have fought. From being nurses during the Civil War to fighter pilots in today's battles, women have bravely put their country above themselves. They serve a vital part in our nation's armed forces and have done so long before this 'severe mannower shortage

The author says that we have a national policy that purposely places women in combat. While the vast majority of jobs in today's military are open to women, they are still restricted from combat arms units. I have served with women who, if given the chance, would jump at being in combat units. In an age when women have made great advances to be considered equals with men, we should allow a woman to serve her country in any way she sees fit.

Before the letter writer says women have no business being placed in harm's way, I suggest he first face harm himself. Then I would suggest that he stop and ask these women who willingly volunteer to face danger.

Don't trash the dedication these fine Americans show when they serve, and certainly don't blemish the sacrifices they

make when they give their life in combat. Having served with one, Pfc. Karina Lau, who gave her life in Iraq in November 2003, I can tell you firsthand that these women know the risks that they take, and are very willing and proud to face them. Sgt. Troy Ward

Camp Cooke, Iraa

Sisters in arms

To the writer of "Sending women to war wrong" I ask: Is it wrong for a woman to want to defend her own freedom, or that of her family and friends?

I am not only a proud military spouse, but also the mother of a young female solider and a female JROTC cadet who plans to join her sister in the military.

The women of the U.S. armed forces are proud to serve their country, and I should think that anyone living in the United States would be just as proud to have them serve, whether it be on the battlefield or the parade field. I know I am.

And while it is a great loss to our country to lose any of our servicemembers, the life that we live wasn't given to us. It has been paid for, and will continue to be paid for, with the sweat and, yes, the blood of those who answer the call of freedom male and female alike. What bothers me most is that it took the

loss of a female solider from the writer's home state to bring this war "closer to home" for him, while there are so many Americans who live and breath the war every day.

Those of us living in and around the armed forces don't see male and female, but simply the camouflaged uniforms of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members who wear them. We stand behind them all 100 percent, and we mourn when the ultimate price is paid by one of them, regardless of their sex. Cindy Bell

Heidelberg, Germany

The right to fight

The writer of "Sending women to war wrong" said America's women are intelligent, yet also stated that when they are encouraged to enlist in the active-duty military, National Guard or Reserve forces, they have no idea what they are getting into. He said women are brave, loval, hard-working and patriotic, yet it seems that he would like them at home taking care of women's work, not fighting for their personal beliefs and their country.

The writer has things wrong: It is other countries that have a bias against gender and the belief of what a woman can or can-And he talks of "historic norms and stan-

dards of decency": Historic norms called for slavery. That changed. Historic norms call for women to stay home and not work. That, too, has changed. So has women's right to choose to fight for their country. Soldier on.

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OPINION

Swift boat dispute is a case study in bias

BY BEN WASSERSTEIN

ast Thursday, The Washington Post reported that the military records of Larry Thurlow, one of John Kerry's major accusers among the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, contradicted Thurlow's version of events and confirmed version of events and confirmed cast severe doubt on the charge that Kerry fabricated the events that earned him one of his Vietnam War medals.

The conservative media had been pushing the fabrication story energetically. How did it deal with new evidence undermining it? As it turns out, at almost every turn it soft-pedaled the new evidence or outright ignored it, showing its bias throughout.

On March 13, 1969, Kerry commanded one of five Navy Swith boats in a raid up the Bay Hap River and won a Bronze Star for actions under enemy fire. Thurlow commanded one of the other boats, and he has claimed in constant media rounds that there was no enemy fire. But, as The Post reported, Thurlow also won a Bronze Star that day, and the citation that accompanied in referred to "enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire" directed at

Thurlow's current story casts dout on his own Bronze Star as much as Kerry's. Thurlow's explanation is that his citation's record of the events must have been based on Kerry's and that the information must have been provided by Kerry himself. There is an "after-action report" that Thurlow and John E. O'Neill, coauthor of the anti-Kerry book "Unfit for of the anti-Kerry book" Vulfit for

Command," refer to as "Kerry's report" despite the fact that it bears the mitials KJW. Last even stories have pointed out that Thurlow's Bronze Star citation refers to a witness to the enemy fire (Thurlow crewmate Robert Lambert) and that the KJW initials are also on reports about events Kerry was not involved in.

No one has so far challenged The Washington Post's facts. Not that you'd know that if you were watching or listening to or reading conservative media outlets. Rupert Murdoch's New York Post ran Thurlow's charge that Kerry lied to get his medal. On Friday, the day after The Washington Post story poked a hole in that contention, the New York Post ran a teeny story focusing only on Kerry's decision to coun terattack against a "tough anti-Kerry TV ad." The Wall Street Journal editorial page and its Web site, OpinionJournal, also said nothing about the new evi-

The conservative Washington Times did report The Washington Post's Thurlow scoop in a news article. It also ran Part 3 of its series excerpting "Unfit for Command. and the excerpt on Friday included Thurlow's contention that there was no hostile fire on March 13, 1969. In his column on Kerry, Washington Times Editor in Chief Wesley Pruden wrote, "The monsieur's friends at The Washington Post attempted to muddy the waters for him yesterday," and then Pruden approvingly restated Thurlow's assertions and his explanation for the discrepancy. An unsigned editorial called on the media to investigate the after-action report

The leading serious conservative journal, the Weekly Standard, posted a new issue online Friday with a cover story titled "The Kerry Wars." The story cited The Washington Post article and admitted that "the documenarry evidence available so far backs Kerry's story," but its paragraph dealing with the accusations that Kerry lied to get his medals concludes that "such claims boil down to Kerry's word versus his opponents'."

On TV and radio, all the action came Thursday, John Kasich was guest bost of [Flox News Chamels] "The O'Reilly Factor" on Thursday, and Thurlow himself phoned in to address The Washington Post's story. To his credit, Kasich hammered Thurlow with questions, making the common-sense point, "You know, if I got a citation that said I sawed common-sense point, "You know, if I got a citation that said I sawed somebody ... and it wasn't that way, I don't know, maybe I would attempt to correct the record." Thurlow just repeated that there had been no enemy fire and that Kerry had written the report on which the citation was based. He

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said, offering no documentation. (The Los Angeles Times reported Friday that a report on "battle damage" to Thurlow's boat made reference to "three 30 cal bullet holes about super structure.")

Meanwhile, on the radio, Rush Limbaugh offered a master class in turning The Washington Post's story into an indictment of Kerry. In his opening monologue, Limbaugh said that to vote for Kerry, one would "have to accept only what he tells us about his service record." That left out the small matter of the accounts from his crewmates, Kerry's war record and Thurlow's war record....

Ignoring all the evidence in Kerry's favor, Limbaugh later said: "We haven't got any evidence because the Kerry campaign won't come forth and defend any of this." In a speech that day, Kerry directly addressed the charges against him by asking people to look at his record. But

Limbaugh repeatedly asserted: "He won't face this. He runs from it," and "he won't answer the charges."

By the end of the program, it seemed as though the revelations about Thurlow gave Limbaugh more confidence in the Swift Vets' account.

"How come it's causing so much angst?... It's because it's true, probably," Limbaugh said. "We're supposed to believe what Ithe Kerry campaign says]. Because their attitude is, 'If we say it, it's true, if the other guys say it, it's a lie, believe us.'"

That attitude, with its blithe dismissal of opposing evidence, perfectly describes the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and its enablers in the media. What proof there is supports Kerry, and yet to the right-wing media the burden of proof falls on him.

Ben Wasserstein is a writer in New York. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Kerry's never been to Cambodia, yet he won't leave

By JOSHUA MURAVCHIE

fost of the debate between the time state of the debate by John Kerry and the group who are attacking his military record focuses on matters that few of us have the experience or the moral standing to judge. But one issue, having nothing to do with medals, wounds or bravery under fire, goes to the heart of Kerry's qualifications for the presidency and is therefore something that each of us must consider. That is Kerry's apparently fabricated claim that he fought in Cambodia.

It is an assertion he made first, insofar as the written record reveals, in 1979 in a letter to the Boston Herald. Since then he has repeated it on at least eight occasions. ... The most dramatic iteration came on the floor of the Senate in 1986, when he made it the centerpiece of a 20-minute oration against aid to the Nicaraguan contras.

Kerry argued that contra aid could put the United States on the path to deeper involvement despite denials by the Reagan administration of such intent. Kerry began by reading out similar denials regarding Vietnam from presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Then be offered this devastating riposte: "I remember Christmas of 1968 sitting on a gunboat in Cambodia. I remember what it was like to be shot at by Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge and Cambodians, and have the president of the United States telling the American people that I was not there; the troops were not in Cambodia. I have that memory which is seared — seared — in me."

However seared he was, Kerry's spokesmen now say his memory was faulty. When the Swift Boat veterans who oppose Kerry presented statements from his commanders and members of his unit denying his boat entered Cambodia, none of Kerry's shipmates came forward ... to corroborate his account. ... [T]he point of Kerry's 1986 speech was that he had taken part in a secret and illegal war in a neutral country. That was only true if he was "in Cambodia," as he had often said he was. If he was merely "near," then his deliberate misstatement falsified the entire speech. ...

After his discharge, Kerry became the leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. Once, he presented to Congress the accounts by his VVAW comrades of having "personally raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped writes... to human gentials... razed villages in a fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan... poisoned foodstocks." Latter it was shown that many of the stories on which Kerry based this testimony were

false, some told by impostors who had stolen the identities of real GIs, but Kerry himself was not implicated in the fraud. ...

Kerry ... has claimed that the epiphany he had that Christmas was about truthfulness ... If — as seems almost surely the case — Kerry himself has lied about what he did in Vietnam, and has done so not merely to spice his biography but to influence national policy, then he is surely not the kind of man we want as our president.

Joshua Muravchik is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.



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Horoscope

With Mercury still retrograde, and both the sun and moon in signs that like to be super subtle with emotional sharing, some actions

taken will be misconstrued. The lunar influence is Capri corn, so the confusion could center around who's being shown respect, how and why. To avoid trouble, pay attention to protocol, and be as clear as possible

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 26). You count your wealth in many curren cies this year - love is at the top of that list. Relationships get tighter as your

commitment becomes more definite New income sources are featured in the next six weeks. Getting the proper skills will ensure that you get a position you're aiming for this fall Love signs are Cancer or Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The theme is connection. You unconsciously quest to better understand the nature of friendship, to reconnect with a forgotten friendship or to learn the true meaning of friendship. Tonight, the cat is out of the bag

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your imagination needs to be nourished, and this happens best when you get out of your normal environment and experience something new. It won't happen naturally. Some planning and effort must take

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Frands and appointments rule you schedule, but what happens during the pit stops in between will be the most fascinating. There's much to envy about a fabulous friend, and these feelings are best kept private

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Practical matters need speedy resolution. Your relationships (espe cially the romantic ones) run much more smoothly when the bills are paid. At work, you'll be required to do a lot in a small stretch of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your rare qualities are highlighted. Your relationship with a certain person is different from any other relationship either you or this person has. Recognize its uniqueness, and appreciate what this tie brings to your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your own achievement has sur passed your expectation, and that's a remarkable feeling - for about an hour. Then, true to form, you're

Joyce Jillson

trying to improve again. If vou're not communicating with family, break the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone has an opinion, but that doesn't obligate you to follow the advice. Feel free to live your way. The old success wheel will start rolling when you develop your individuality to an even higher level.

Romance is in the air tonight. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Family members show love and support in their own funny way. Special relationships help you with iob advancement. You needn't feel quilty, as the benefits will be mutual. Your contribution at work is greatly enriching.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pace vourself, and don't let demands run you ragged. You can only do so much on your own and may find it necessary to delegate more of your load. Start by getting the help of your nearest and dear-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have superhuman energy! You may use it to further everyone else's agenda, but don't forget about your own projects. A friend's self-confidence is directly affected by your opinion. Be compassionate, but don't be neutral.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your normally easygoing attitude is overthrown by a consuming feeling of exhibitantion. A creative life force is surging through you now, and it touches all you do with a passionate fire. Appreciation for your work is

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be exploring your ideals and maybe changing them, too. You're a complex being with needs that can only be met in your own quirky time. Adventure and spontaneity are the remedy for your restless spirit.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals X

Collections could be sign of OCD

Dear Abby: "Living Like a Hermit in California" complained about her husband's unusual collecting behavior.

"He owns 24 cars," she wrote.
"None of them run; they just sit and rot. He buys old airplanes although he doesn't know how to fly and they, too, sit rusting away. He also collects cardboard boxes and anything in bulk."
You suggested she contact a lawyer and get her husband a psychiatric

evaluation.

His hoarding sounds like obsessive-compulsive disorder to me. I have depression and, during my worst times, I have voraciously collected metal washers. I found it soothing to have something to concentrate on besides my problems. The quality of my collection was a substi

tute for real accomplishment. The fact that "Living's" husband is also withdrawn leads me to suspect that he has depression, OCD or a similar psychiatric problem. I got help for mine, and I feel much better. Her husband might never be normal, but a good place to start would be sympathy, patience and a caring doctor.

— Ohio Hoarder Dear Ohio: I advised "Living Like a Hermit in California" to

consult a lawyer because she said her husband had moved them out of a house into a trailer and had spent all their assets on his "hobby." I agree that he may be mentalby ill Read on:

Dear Abby: The letter from "Living Like a Hermit" had a famil-

iar ring. My neighbor exhibited similar behavior and was diagnosed with manic depression. When she was up, she collected; when she was down she withdrew from the world.

Roger may be more than "eccentric"; he may suffer from a mental illness.

Been There in Tampa, Fla.

Dear Been There: That may be true, but I am not qualified to diagnose him

Dear Abby: Tell that woman to get off her duff, learn more about her husband's collection and then get on eBay! There are people rebuilding old cars who have to order custom parts when none are available. And in California, the movie business is always looking for props.

One studio rented my former father-in-law's car while shooting a movie about the Kennedy assassination in Dallas.

They asked for permission to paint the car black. He said, "Sure, as long as you paint it white again before you return it." And they did!

— Nancy in Houston
Dear Nancy: I love your idea
about turning her husband's "compulsion" into an income stream.
They could use the money.

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Yesterday's

Family Circus



"PJ shouldn't complain about taking a short nap. Cicada moths sleep for 17 years."

Counter cancer before it strikes

Dear Annie: I am at my computer giving some advice to "New Jersey," whose husband's family history puts him at high risk for proteate cancer, but he refuses to see a doctor-brease he is too embarrassed and doesn't want anyone touching him. That's too bad, because he can be sure the mortician is going to touch him — and sooner than he thinks.

This man knows he is showing symptoms, yet he does nothing. Thank you for telling him to look into information available through the American Cancer Society. Years ago, my husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Very little information was available to the public at the time. He had surgery, followups and 12 years of office visits in order for this information to be compiled.

Annie's Mailbox

Please tell "New Jersey" to have her husband read this and think about his wife and family. If he cares about them, he will do whatever is necessary to stick around.

Lived Through It
 in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Our

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readers were quite concerned about this man's willful disregard of his health and hoped he would

of his health and hoped he would change his mind soon. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I would like to say something to "New Jersey's" husband: The only embarrassment you will suffer is when others find out you did nothing to protect your health. Your doctor visits are private, and members of your immediate family will know only that you are going in for a checkur.

I also am at high risk of devel-

oping prostate cancer because both my grandfather and father died of it. My father fought the cancer for over seven years. During that time, I had many opportunities to tell him I loved him. He showed me many strengths by not quitting, denying or looking for false hope. I miss my father greatly, but his

At the age of 37. I began regular postate checks. I am now 45. A digital exam may be uncomfortable, but it is not painful. A PSA blood test is done along with all my other blood work. I am on the right track to discover prostate cancer early enough to beat it if it comes knocking on my door. I want to tell him: Be strong, get yourself checked, and live life to the fullest.

lessons are ingrained in me

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Gordon runs test laps under lights at Darlington

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DARLINGTON, S.C. - Jeff Gordon is indeed serious about winning Nextel Cup champion-

He turned a 10-lap exhibition under the new lights at Darlington Raceway on Tuesday night into a solid, fact-gathering test that will serve him not only this fall but next spring as well.

"These are the things that he's always on top of his game think-ing about," crew chief Robbie Loomis said.

Darlington turned on its lighting system for the first time this week. Gordon is one of the 55-year-old track's all-time champions - he shares a record five Southern 500 victories with Cale Yarborough — and was invited to ride before 12,000 cheering fans.

But such fan-friendly tours aren't for Gordon, who took over the Nextel Cup points lead last week at Michigan International Speedway.

Gordon brought a machine he raced with at Darlington last year.

And after truck racer Bobby Hamilton did doughnuts on the track and smoked the tires for the first under the lights burnout Gordon called on track crews to clean the debris before charging

from the pits.

"That's why we took advantage of this opportunity," Gordon said after climbing from his car. "We thought about testing here. I don't know we might still. But at least I got eight 10 lans on the computer here with the telemetry on the

Much of that info probably won't help Gordon in November when Darlington hosts its final Southern 500 as the next-to-last race in the Neytel Cun's chamnionship chase. Loomis says the team will store the information for next May when the track holds its only 2005 race.

"When we come back for the lights, that's when it'll be an advantage," Loomis said. On the way to Darlington, Gor-

don and Loomis discussed how they might gain a jump on competitors long before others test at night. Loomis said Gordon wondered

about the affects of the South Carolina sunset on track conditions or lingering glare on cock-Gordon said he'll need all the in-

formation to succeed NASCAR's newest championship format in which the top 10 in points advance to a final 10-race shootout. Should Gordon hold his lead after the race at Richmond International Raceway on Sept. 11, he'll have a five-point edge on second place.

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in final, women's long jump final, women's jav-in final, women's 4x100m relay final; Div-ig: men's platform competition: Svnchrong: men's piatform competition; synchro-ized swimming: team final. 6:35 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 - Men's volley-all: semifinal; Cycling: women's mountain iking; Wrestling: freestyle competition.

(Listings are feeds from AFN in California. Some might not air in all areas) Baseball—Minnesota at Texas, 2 a.m. Thursday; San Francisco at Florida, 1a.m. Fri-day; San Francisco at Atlanta, 2 a.m. Sun-

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Soccer



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Thousand Oaks, Calif. 3, Eincoln, R.I. 1 Pabao, Curucao 3, Saipan 0 East Nepean, Ottawa 5, Kutno, Poland 1 East Nepean, Ottawa 5, Kutno, Poland 1 Corundu, Panama 6, Shou-Tien Taiwan 2 Owensboro, Ky. 3, Redmond, Wash. 2 SEMIFINALS Wednesday, Aug. 25 At Lamade Stadium

Pabao, Curucao ys. Shou-Tien, Taiwan United States

Richmond, Texas vs. Morganton, N.C. Thursday, Aug. 26

International Corundu, Panama vs. Nuevo Leon

Wednesday, Sept. 1 Kansas City at Chicano Kansas City at Chicago Saturday, Sept. 4
San Jose at New England
Los Angeles at Columbus
D.C. United at Chicago
MetroStars at Kansas City
Dallas at Colorado

Miami N.Y. Jets

Buffalo New England

Tennessee Indianapolis

Houston Jacksonville

Oakland San Diego

Dallas N.Y. Giants Philadelphia

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Oakland at Arizona Monday, Aug. 30 Tennessee at Dallas

Youth baseball

Little League World Series At South Williamsport, Pa.

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Tuesday, Aug. 24

Thousand Oaks, Calif. 3, Lincoln, R.I. 1

Buffalo at Indianapolis Miami at Tampa Bay Cincinnati at Atlanta Detroit at Baltimore Cleveland at Kansas City New England at Carolina Oakland at Arizona

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Rain Day, no game scheduled Saturday, Aug. 27 Rain Day no game scheduled Saturday, Aug. 28 International championshin mpionship WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Aug. 29 Third place Third place International runner-up vs. U.S. runner-up Championship International champion vs. U.S. champion Pro football NFL preseason AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's transactions

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Thousand Oaks, Calif. vs. Preston Mrl

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Suspended St. Louis RHP Julian Tavarez 10 days for apply-ing a foreign substance to balls during an Aug. 20 game. American League CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms

LEVILAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeremy Sowers:
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed IB Mike Sweeney on the IS-day DL Called up OF AlexTEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Joaquin Benoit on the IS-day DL Purchased the contract of RHP Chris Young from Oklahoma of the PCL.

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contract of RHP Masao Kida from Las Vegas of the PCL. Optioned LHP Mike Venafro to Las Vegas. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed RHP Alexmit wante Beweinen-Signet in Physics andre Perjad. METS-Optioned RHP Aaron HEW 100 Met

tate the team to Springfield, Mo. Recalled FS o Tayuchi from Memphis of the PCL, Op-ioned RRP Jason Simontacchi to Memphis. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Sterling illichock on the 15-day DL. Called up RRP bennis Tankersley from Portland of the PCL Announced OF Brian Buchanan refused an uturight assignment to Portland and elected

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Traded F-C Christian aettner, F Eduardo Najera, two future st-round draft picks and the draft rights G Luis Flores and G Mladen Sekularac to olden State for C Erick Dampier, G Dan Dick-1, C Evan Eschmeyer and the draft rights to Steve Logan.

Steve Logan. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G Nate ohnson.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Named Kevin

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Named Revin ritchard director of player personnel. FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS—Claimed WR Scotty inderson off waivers from Detroit, Wa Developed Health of the player from the Anderson off waivers from Detroit, WR Lawrence Hamilton off waivers from the New York Jets and DT Cedric Hilliard off valvers from Dallas.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Traded OT Javiar Colns to Carolina for a conditional 2005 draft

DETROIT LIONS—Signed LB Stevie Baggs.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Claimed WR Brya
illmore off waivers from Arizona. Waive
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MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Claimed CB Derek
loss off waivers from New Orleans.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released FB
red McCrary. Placed S Guss Scott on injured reserve.

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d reserve. FW YORK JETS—Signed OB Quincy Cart SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DT Dan Ru-

COLLEGE COLUMBIA—Named M. Dianne Murphy ath

letic director.

HARTFORD—Announced the resignation of Harvey Shapiro, baseball coach.

MINNESOTA—Announced the retirement of Fred Roethilsberger, men's gymnastics coach. Named Russ Fystrom interim men's gymnastics coach. gymnastics coach.

RAMAPO—Named Tiesha Grace women's basketball coach, Michael Jackson men's and women's cross country and track coach, Leslie LaFronz field hockey and women's

Bills top pick Losman out with broken leg

BY JOHN WAWROW The Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. - Buffalo Bills rookie quarterback J.P. Losman was scheduled to have surgery Thursday to repair a broken left leg.

Coach Mike Mularkey said after practice Wednesday that Losman will be out indefinitely. Mularkey added that he anticipates Losman to be back at some point this season, but won't know when until after the operation.

Losman, the second of Buffalo's two first-round picks, broke his fibula two hours into Tuesday's practice when he fell awkwardly at the end of a run after being hit by cornerback Troy Vincent.

The initial prognosis is Losman will miss 2-3 three months. The injury is being described as similar to one sustained by Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick last August Vick required 3½ months of recovery before he played

Bills president Tom Donahoe said it's too early to discuss whether the team will bring in a quarter back or determine whether to end Losman's season by placing him on the injured reserve list.

The Bills have three quarterbacks on their roster, headed by starter Drew Bledsoe. Former third-stringer Travis Brown is exnected to serve as Bledsoe's backup. There's also undrafted free agent Greg Zolman, who competed in NFL Europe, playing last season with Rhein, where he backed up former Dallas quarterback Chad Hutchinson.

The Bills had two quarterbacks



Quarterback J.P. Losman, taker 22nd overall in April's draft, is projected to miss 2-3 months

Bledsoe and Alex Van Pelt for most of last season after Brown was hurt during an exhibition game.

'It's disappointing but injuries are part of football," Donahoe said. "He's disappointed like everybody is but it's part of the game and he'll bounce back.

Selected 22nd overall out of Tulane, Losman was being groomed as Bledsoe's successor. The Bills thought highly enough of the player that they traded three draft picks - including a first-rounder next season — in a deal with Dallas to get back into the first round.

Buffalo's two exhibition games. Losman went a combined nine of 11 for 78 yards passing, and is second on the team in rushing with 80 yards on seven carries. Losman has also engineered three scoring drives — all ending in field goals - in the five series he's played.

DE Holmes to join Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. - For three weeks, the Green Bay Packers have attempted to fill their pass-rushing needs at left end with one of their own.

Now they will attempt to do it with someone else. The Packers reached an agree-

ment Tuesday with veteran defensive end Kenny Holmes on a one-year, minimum-wage deal worth \$660,000. Holmes, 30, has 381/s sacks over a seven-year career, including 121/2 in his past 17 games. Holmes will be given an opportunity to help the Packers strengthen their pass rush.

Since camp began, the Packers have auditioned about six players at the rush-end position opposite Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila in the third-down package. But none was an established pass-rusher like Holmes, who signed a five-year, \$20 million contract, including a \$5 million signing honus with the New York Giants

Vick returns to practice

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. Michael Vick returned to practice after missing a day with tightness in his right hamstring.

Atlanta's quarterback partici-



pated in the full workout and reported no problems. He tweaked the hamstring in practice on Aug. 5 before irritating it during last week's game against Minnesota.

Seattle LB Brown out until Oct.

CHENEY, Wash. - Seattle Seahawks linebacker Chad Brown will have surgery on his left leg Wednesday, and is expected to miss the first four games of the regular season

Brown broke his left fibula when his feet got tangled with tight end Itula Mili during a passing drill Monday.

Texans DE Walker will rest HOUSTON - Defensive end

Gary Walker will rest for a week to 10 days to allow his strained groin to heal.

Walker, the Houston Texans' wo-time Pro Bowl lineman, two-time tweaked the muscle during practice Monday and was helped off the field. An MRI revealed a mild

"He should be ready for the opener," General Manager Char-lev Casserly said.



Major League Baseball scoreboard

Major League Baseball				
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Beltre's MLB-leading 40th homer powers Dodgers

L.A. opens five-game lead in West

The Associated Press

MONTREAL - Adrian Beltre's first five full seasons in the majors were marked by stretches



vear. the Los Angeles Dodgers' third baseman has become one of baseball's most prolific sluggers.

Beltre hit a grand slam to be come the first player to reach 40 home runs this season leading the Dodgers to a 10-2 victory over the Montreal Expos on Tuesday. His previous career high for homers was 23, set last season.

'Now I believe I can hit 40 said Beltre, who's hitting .334 with 94 RBIs. "I don't know if I can hit 45 yet. When I get to 45, then I know I can hit 45. I just do my best. I'm enjoying it

Beltre has homered 10 times in his past 15 games, not bad for someone who came into the season hoping to hit just 30 homers.

"It's a number that I didn't think about the last few years. said. "To get to 30, and to hit 40 already is a big accomplishment.'

Los Angeles, which increased its NL West lead to five games over second-place San Francisco, has won six of its past nine road games and 17 of 23.

Alex Cora homered and had five RBIs, and Kazuhisa Ishii (12-6) allowed two runs in 71/3 innings for Los Angeles

"Offensively, obviously we're going to have to talk about Adrian Beltre — we have to again tonight — and Alex Cora, with a career high with RBIs," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

Los Angeles scored eight runs in the fifth, its biggest inning this season. Beltre connected off Rocky Biddle (4-7) for his fourth career slam, his second this year.

Cora also hit a three-run drive against Francis Beltran in the inning. The second baseman had an RBI single in the second and a run-scoring grounder in the ninth, tying his career high for RBIs.



Montreal catcher Einar Diaz makes a vain attempt to tag Los Angeles' David Ross at the plate during the Dodgers' 10-2 victory on Tuesday.

Biddle threw 104 pitches in 42/3 innings, allowing seven runs and six hits

In other NL games Tuesday: Cubs 13, Brewers 4: Moises Alou homered twice and had a career-high six RBIs, and Derrek Lee hit a grand slam as Milwaukee lost its seventh straight.

The host Cubs won for the sixth time in seven games and opened a one-game lead in the wild-card race over San Francisco.

Marlins 9. Giants 1: At Miami. Alex Gonzalez hit a three-run homer to can a seven-run first. and Mike Lowell drove in five runs for the Marlins.

The defending champs won for the eighth time in 11 games and remained five games behind the Cubs in the wild-card standings.

Braves 6, Rockies 5: Rafael Furcal went 4-for-4, including a two-run triple in the Braves' four-run sixth, and Eli Marrero RBI single in the seventh.

Marrero and Julio Franco each went 3-for-4 for the Braves, who used 14 hits to rally past the visiting Rockies after falling behind by four runs

Padres 3, Mets 1: San Diego's David Wells (8-7) took a shutout into the ninth and won his fifth straight on the road. He allowed one run, four hits, struck out four and walked none in 82/3 innings

Astros 4, Phillies 2: Lance Berkman and Mike Lamb hit RBI singles in the bottom of the eighth inning and the Astros used a rare relief appearance by Roy Oswalt (14-9) to defeat Philadelphia.

Reds 4, Cardinals 3, (10): At Cincinnati, Julian Tavarez (5-4) pitched while appealing a 10-day suspension and allowed the game-winning run on Darren Bragg's single.

Tavarez was penalized for ap plying foreign substances to balls in a game he nitched last week.

Pirates 3. Diamondbacks 1: Oliver Perez (9-6) pitched eight in-nings, Daryle Ward homered and host Pirates snapped a five-game losing streak.

Jeter's 1,000th run, two steals lift Yanks over reeling Indians

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Derek Jeter not only stayed in the lineup, he reached a milestone and helped steal a victory

A night after he was hit on the left elbow by a pitch, Jeter hom-ered in the first inning for his 1,000th career run. Then he stole two bases in the ninth inning and scored on Hideki Matsui's two-out single to lead the New York Yankees over Cleveland 5-4 Tuesday night, the Indians ninth straight loss.

"He took us on his shoulders and got us in position to win the ballgame." Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He set the tone for the night — not knowing if he was going to play, then he hits the ball over the center-field fence.

With the score 4-4 in the ninth. Jeter walked against Bob Wickman (0-2), the pitcher who hit him Monday night. Jeter stole his 19th and 20th bases

"You're not always going to hit home runs. You have to score runs other ways," Jeter said. "I just thought I could make it. I saw

some opportunities and took off." Tom Gordon (6-3) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his 43rd

New York, which rallied from a 4-1 deficit, has won two straight after losing six of seven. The Yankees remained 61/2 games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

Cleveland is on its longest skid since losing 10 straight in 1979. The Indians who trailed the Twins by one game on Aug. 15, remained eight games behind the AL Central leader

In other AL games Tuesday: Red Sox 5. Blue Javs 4: Bos-

ton's Doug Mirabelli hit go-ahead three-run homer in the sixth off Miguel Batista (9-10) and Mike Timlin pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning to help the Red Sox win for the seventh time in eight

Manny Ramirez drove in two runs for the Red Sox, who have won seven of eight and remained one game ahead of Teyas in the wild-card race

Tim Wakefield (10-7) allowed three runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings for his fifth win in six starts. and Keith Foulke got four outs for his 23rd save.

Rangers 5, Twins 4: Texas' Michael Young hit a tying double in the bottom of the ninth off Joe Nathan (1-2) and Mark Teixeira singled home the winning run with two outs, stopping Minnesota's four-game winning streak

Pinch-hitter Justin Morneau had put Minnesota ahead in the top half with an RBI double off Francisco Cordero (3-0).

Athletics 6, Orioles 2: Mark Mulder (17-4) became the first 17-game winner in the major leagues this season, allowing two runs and four hits in six innings at Oakland, Calif.

Eric Chavez and Jermaine Dye homered for the A's, who won for the eighth time in 10 games to maintain their half-game lead over Anaheim in the AL West. Baltimore lost its eighth

straight, Sidney Ponson (8-13) gave up six runs and nine hits in six innings.

Angels 7. Royals 5: Jose

Guillen hit a two-run homer as the host Angels won their seventh straight, converting a throwing error by second baseman Desi Relaford into the tying and go-ahead runs Adam Kennedy was 4-for-4

and John Lackey (11-10) allowed five runs and seven hits in five innings. Troy Percival became the only active major league pitcher with nine consecutive seasons of at least 25 saves.

White Sox 9, Tigers 5: Juan Uribe homered, scored go-ahead run and drove in three runs, helping Chicago end a five-game losing streak

Jon Garland (9-9) won for just the second time in nine starts since defeating Seattle on July 9 giving up four runs and eight hits in seven innings Carlos Pena hit a third-inning

grand slam for host Detroit.

Devil Rays 6, Mariners 5: Tampa Bay's Tino Martinez hit a two-run homer in the ton of the first to back Rob Bell (6-7), who allowed two runs - one earned and three hits in seven innings.

Martinez, who reached 20 homers for the ninth time, tied Cecil Fielder for 87th on the career list



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Finally gold, 'tears of joy' for El Guerrouj

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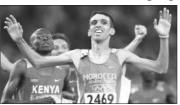
ATHENS, Greece — Hicham El Guerrouj is no longer the world's greatest middle-distance runner never to win an Olympic title. Now, he's simply the greatest, period.

In Atlanta in 1996, the Moroccan tripped on the final lap and finished last. Four years ago in Sydney, he was overtaken in the final meters by Noah Ngeny, then lay sobbing on the track in despair, convinced he'd let down his entire country.

All that heartbreak evaporated Tuesday night when El Guerrouj held off Kenya's Bernard Lagat in a thrilling shoulder-to-shoulder sprint in the final straight to win the only title to elude him — and the one he craved the most.

"Four years ago in Sydney I cried tears of sadness," he said. "Today I cry tears of joy. I'm living a moment of glory. I'm overjoyed for myself and for my coun-

El Guerrouj threw his arms high in the air and looked up to the sky after crossing the finish



Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the men's 1500 meters ahead of Kenya's Bernard Lagat.

line in 3:34.18, just 12-hundredths of a second faster than Lagat. Portugal's Rui Silva took the bronze in 3:34.68

In some of the most poignant scenes of the Athens Games, the 29-year-old El Guerrouj fell to his knees, buried his face in his hands and cried uncontrollably. Lagat was the first to congratulate him, kneeling down and holding him in a warm embrace.

"Hicham El Guerrouj is a classy athlete," Lagat said. "He was only missing one thing, Olympic gold. I knew he wanted this one so bad. I was really happy for him. It was quite emotional. You feel for him. You know he's deserving and he got it today."

El Guerrouj rolled over onto his back, his chest heaving with sobs. Then he set off on a victory lan, draped in the Moroccan flag.

wife, Majuva, in the stands and kissed their baby daughter, Hiba. "Today I ran for her and for my

family," he said. "[God willing], she will be happy for her papa."

El Guerrouj danced to the Greek music blaring from the loudspeakers, then took a cell phone call from the king of Moroco, Mohammed VI. After the devastating experiences of the last two Olympics, this was a moment to treasure.

"It had become a psychological complex," said his longtime coach, Abdelkaker Kada. "The Olympic medal was all that was left. Now, for me, today he becomes the best miler in history."

El Guerrouj has been the undisputed middle-distance king for more than a decade, with four straight world championship titles, and world records in the 1,500 and mile.

But this year he looked vulnerable. His 29-race winning streak ended July 2 when he finished a stunning eighth at a Rome meet. He complained of breathing problems. He finished second to Lagat in a final Olympic tuneup in Zurich, with the Kenyan clocking a world-leading 3:27.40.

"It's been a very, very difficult year," he said. "I didn't even know if I would come to the Olympics. But I overcame the challenges. This shows Hicham is a great athlete."

The race lived up to expecta-

El Guerrouj went in front on the second lap and took control of the pace, with Lagat right behind him. On the final lap, El Guerrouj tried to break away, but Lagat stayed with him. Around the last bend, Lagat made his move on the outside, pulling alongside El Guerrouj. The two ran all-out, stride for stride, toward the line.

Lagat grimaced with exertion, but El Guerrouj remained smooth and controlled. In the last few meters, Lagat tightened up, and the Moroccan pulled half a stride ahead to finish first.

"In the last 100 meters I knew

it was going to come down to the kick," Lagat said. "I was right behind him all the way. With 50 meters left I thought this could be another Zurich, but he had the strongest kick today."





Jones qualifies in long jump

BY ROB GLOSTER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Marion Jones made a quiet Athens debut, advancing easily to the long jump final. Allen Johnson had the attention of everyone in the stadium, for all the wrong reasons.

And 18-year-old Allyson Felix got a silver medal in the 200 meters Wednesday, finishing .13 seconds behind Veronica Campbell of Jamaica.

Without any of the fanfare that accompanied her historic quest for five gold medals at the 2000 Sydney Games, Jones qualified for the final with the seventh-best jump of the qualifying round: 21 feet, 11¼ inches.

Afterward, she dressed quickly and left the track, saying her experience in Athens is about more than medals.

"It's a little bit about a gold, but I think to me it's a for more about coming out here, doing my best in the midst of a hell of a year," said Jones, who is the subject of a steroid investigation, has been accused by her ex-husband of using banned drugs in Sydney and gow birth to a son 14 months ago. "It mean, you can take that how you want it — being able to do your best in the midst of mass chaos."

oes irrue must or mass clauss. There was chaos on the track when Johnson, a four-time world champion and the 1996 Olympic gold mediatis, made a shocking gold mediatis, made a shocking 101-meter hardles. He tripped over the ninth hurdle, then stumbled and fell underneath the last one — ending up face down on the track, glasses flying off his face, as competitors crossed the finish line.

Johnson said it was only the second time in his career he's fallen in a race.

Track and field

"It was going great, and then I don't know. I just went down. I thought I was in control until I hit that hurdle. I got myself together, but the last one I hit and went down," Johnson said.
"I'm fairly disappointed, but it

happens. I'll be watching the final. There's nothing I can do."

He was the latest of several Americans who came to Athens favored for medals but will leave empty-handed — including pole vaulter Stacy Dragila, hurdler Gail Devers, decathlete Tom Pappas and shot putter John Godina.

Four years ago, Jones' quest for five golds ended in the long jump. This time, she made her Athens debut in the event. She drew only a smattering of applause here, with little of the celebrity worship that engulfed her in Sydney.

On her first attempt, Jones licked her lips, then paused for the start of a men's race. She took two quick deep breaths, sped down the runway — and fouled by several inches. She immediately went over to the stands to talk with coach Dan Pfaff.

Jones opened her mouth wide and rolled her tongue around her mouth before her second jump, then took four quick breaths. She propelled herself down the runway and leaped 1½ inches past the automatic qualifying distance of 21-10, advancing to Friday's final

At the 2000 Sydney Games, Jones already had won gold medals in the 100 and 200 meters when she got a bronze in the long jump. She went on to win two more medals in relays — one gold, one bronze.

But at the U.S. trials this sum-

mer, she failed to qualify in the 100 and dropped out of the 200, citing fatigue. She hopes to run on the 400-meter relay squad, beginning Thursday.

Those are not the only differences from the last Olympics.

Jones was the darling of Syd-

Jones was the darling of Sydney, her every move chronicled as she aimed for five golds. Even her defense of then-husband C.J. Hunter on drug charges won

her praise as a supportive spouse. Now she's under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, and has been accused by the now-divorced Hunter of using banned drugs before, during and after the Sydney Games.

"I'm looking forward to jumping on Friday and, you know what, getting on the next plane Saturday and heading home to my little boy, who I've been away from for over three weeks," Jones said. "So things are a lot different than four years ago."

The biggest thrill of the night for Greek fans came when countrywoman Fani Halkia won the 400-meter hurdles in 52.82 seconds, sending the sold-out Olympic Stadium into spasms of joy and flag waving. Romania's Iona I Tirlea-Manolache won silver and Tetiana Tereshchuk-Antipova of Ukraine took bronze of

In other events Wednesday, Hicham El Guerrouj qualified easily for the final of the 5,000 one night after his dramatic and emotional victory in the 1,500. Winning that preliminary heat was 10,000 champion Kenenisa Bekele, setting up a Saturday night duel in the final between two men trying to complete a rare Olympic distance double.

Cuba dominates Australia for baseball gold

ATHENS, Greece - Deploying a relentless, balanced offense, Cuba rolled over upstart Austra lia 6-2 Wednesday night to win the gold medal — its third in four tries since the sport gained official Olympic status

The Cubans pounded out 13 hits, including a two-run home run by Freder-Olympic

ich Cepeda, a two-run dou-ble by Edu-Parent and a two-run single by Eriel

Sanchez

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roundup

With the United States failing to even make the eight-team field. Cuba had been expected to vie for the gold medal with a Japanese "dream team" stocked with top pros. But Australia stunned the favored Japanese 1-0 in the semifinals, making its first ever baseball medal a silver.

Openly frustrated by its loss, Japan routed Canada 11-2 Wednesday afternoon to win the bronze medal

In the game for the gold, Cepeda opened the scoring in the fourth inning with his home run to right-center

Australian left fielder Paul Gonzalez cut the margin to 2-1 with a lead-off homer in the fifth. That was the first run in the tournament off Cuban starter Norge Luis Vera, who had pitched 13 scoreless innings over three



Hossein Rezazadeh of Iran lifts 441 pounds in the snatch during the men's over-231 pound event on Wednesday at the Athens Olympics. Rezazadeh won the gold medal and tied his own world record.

games, and it prompted Cuba to turn to its bullpen.

Relievers Vicyohandri Odelin and Adiel Palma walked the bases loaded. But with two outs and a full count, Australia's Brendan Kingman took a third strike from Palma, who pitched into the ninth and earned the victory.

Cuba put the game away in sixth, knocking out Australian starter John Stephens — a Boston Red Sox farm hand - with four straight singles, the last a ground smash by Sanchez driving in two

down the third base line, driving in two more runs to make it 6-1.

Beach volleyball

Men's final: Brazil's Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos, the world's top-ranked team, overpowered Spain's Javier Bosma and Pablo Herrera 21-16, 21-15, finally capturing a gold medal for the nation that's dominated the sport internationally for more than a decade.

Brazil failed to win a medal in 1996 and earned a disappointing ed Ricardo and Ze Marco de Melo lost to ninth-seeded Americans Dain Blanton and Eric Fonoimoa-

Ricardo finished the match with a soft tap down the line and Emanuel jumped into his partner's arms. The Spaniards slapped hands and applauded the capacity crowd, most of them yel-low-clad Brazilians.

Equestrian

Individual dressage: A few early stumbles kept the United States from getting another eques-

Debbie McDonald of Hailey, Idaho, finished fourth in the individual dressage competition, done in by a couple of early mistakes on her horse Brentina.

"I'm not happy with myself," McDonald said. "I'm happy with my horse. The early problems definitely made me concerned. My body wasn't working with my brain?

Anky van Grunsven and her horse Salinero won the gold by finishing first in the musical freestyle program. Ulla Salzgeber of Germany had been leading to that point on her horse Rusty, but wound up settling for silver.

Synchorized swimming

Duet free routine: Alison Bartosik and Anna Kozlova of the United States earned a bronze in the Olympic duet final Wednesday night, finishing behind the Russians and Japanese.

Bartosik and Kozlova totaled

96.918 points for their tribute to Greek mythology that evoked a Medusa theme. They had snakes on their sequined green, gold and white suits and headpieces.

They created serpent images by intertwining their legs and arms in the water while the music
"Gorky Park" and three other dramatic compositions blared on the loudspeakers.

Triathlon

Women's final: Kate Allen, a former Australian now Austrian by marriage, passed half of the field during the final leg of the swim-cycle-run endurance test, finishing in 2 hours, 4 minutes, 43.45 seconds Closer to the rear of the pack

than the front for most of the race, she passed everyone during the closing 10-kilometer run, including leader Loretta Harrop of Australia only a few strides before the finish.

Susan Williams, the last American to qualify for the race this summer, won the bronze despite crashing early in the cycling race.

Weightlifting

Men's 105kg: Hossein Rezazadeh of Iran won gold and tied his own world record with a com-bined weight of 1.041.7 pounds.

Viktors Scerbatihs of Latvia got the silver. Velichko Cholakov of Rulgaria won the bronze

Olympics scoreboard

Wednesday's scores

BASEBALL Bronze Medal Japan 11, Canada 2 Gold Medal Japan 14, - Goss n... Cuba 6, Australia 2 BASKETBALL Women

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Pakistan 3, India 0
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VOLLEYBALL
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Australia 10, Kazakhstan 5

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Beach volleyball

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Men

Stefan Kobel and Patrick Heuscher, Switzerland def, Julien Prosser and Mark Williams, Australia, 19-21, 21-17, 15-13.

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Ricardo Alex Santos and Emanuel Rego,
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Spain, 21-16, 21-13.

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ev), 9. 6. Spain (Miguel Alzamora: Joan Llaneras). . New Zealand (Greg Henderson; Hayden

Rouiston), 2. 8. Austria (Roland Garber; Franz Stocher), 8 (-1).

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Women

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5. Vera Carrara, Italy, 8. 6. Sarah Ulmer, New Zealand, 8. 7. Gema Pascual, Spain, 7. 8. Katherine Bates, Australia, 7.

Equestrian

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 Nick Dempsey, Britain (2, 11, 15, 10, 2, 9, 1, 0, 1, 6, 1), 53.0.
 Ricardo Santos, Brazil (4, 6, 2, 1, 5, 17, 7, 7) Kicardo Santos, Brazil (4, 6, 2, 1, 5, 17, 7, 2, 9, 1, 17), 54.0.
 Przemyslaw Miarczynski, Poland (6, 1, 1, 15, 10, 6, 9, 16, 2, 7, 20), 73.0.
 Joao Rodrígues, Portugal (10, 2, 22, 9, 3, 5, 4, 35, 7, 8, 8), 78.0.
 Zhou Yuanguo, China (19, 9, 21, 3, 8, 1, 11, 4, 12, 14, 3), 84.0.

8. Lars Kleppich, Australia (9, 12, 10, 4, 13, 2, 8, 6, 6, 31, 14), 84.0.
9. Julien Bontemps, France (5, 35, 9, 8, 12, 11, 6, 14, 4, 2, 18), 85.0.
10. Thomas Ashley, New Zealand (17, 7, 3, 18, 14, 8, 14, 18, 3, 3, 11), 98.0.
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4. Lai Shan Lee, Hong Kong (3, 8, 5, 1, 27, 3, 2, 4, 5, 8, 3), 42.0.

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Thalassinidou), (1, 46.334; 10, 46.064), 91.418.
11. Ukraine (Iryna Gayvoronska; Darya Yushko), (10, 45.417; 11, 45.584), 91.251.
12. Grazili (Carolina Moraes; Isabela Moraes), (12, 45.167; 12, 45.750), 90.917.

Weightlifting

2. Viktors Scerbaths, Latvia, (3, 205.00-452; 2, 250.00-551), 455.00-1003. 3. Velicinko Cholakov, Bulgaria, (2, 207.50-458; 6, 240.00-529), 447.50-987, not. (5, 200.00-441; 4, 240.00-529), 440.00-570, 5. Oleksly Kolokotisev, Ukraine, (6, 155.00-430; 3, 245.0535), 437.50-965. 6. Pawel Najdek, Poland, (10, 190.00-419; 5, 7. Shage Hamman, Misteria Citals 240.00-529), 430.00-948, 7. Shane Hamman, Mustang, Okla., (8, 192.50-424; 7, 237.50-524), 430.00-948, 8. An Yong Kwon, South Korea, (4, 202.50-447; 10, 225.00-495), 427.50-943.

Wrestling

Greco-Roman 55Kg Bronze Medal dof Oleksiy

Artiom Kiouregkian, Greece, def. Oleksiy akulenko, Ukraine, 6-1. Gold Medal Istvan Majoros, Hungary, def. Gueldar Ma-nedaliev, Russia, 3-1.

Mkkhitar Manukyan, Kazakhstan, def. Jimmy Samuelsson, Sweden, 8-1. Gold Medal Farid Mansurov, Azerbaijan, def. Seref Ero-glu, Turkey, 4-3.

Gold Medal

Khasan Baroev, Russia, def. Georgiy Tsurt-

Track and field Tuesday

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7. Reyes Estevez, Spain, 336.63. Gert-Jan Lefers, Netherlands, 3:37.17. Women St. 1. Joanna Hayes, Los Angeles, 12-37. 2. Olena Krašovska, Ukraine, 12-45. 3. Melissa Morrison, Columbia, 5.c, 12-56. 4. Mariya Koroteyeva, Russia, 12-72. 4. Mariya Koroteyeva, Russia, 12-72. 6. Angela Whye, Canada, 12-81. NR. Perdita Felicien, Canada, DWR. Irina Shevchenko, Russia, DWR.

U.S. cyclists shut out of medal race

ATHENS, Greece - Erin Mirabella felt a joyous rush when she saw the scoreboard, learning for the first time she'd finished the points race in fourth place - her best showing in a major international race.

Then she remembered where

she was. In the Olympics, fourth may be the cruelest finish of all. "I was happy, and then I went, 'Oh my God,' " Mirabella said. "I didn't even know. I'm very happy with fourth but it's hard to be

fourth. So close. So close It was as close as the American track squad came to salvaging something out of their six-night stay at the Athens velodrome. This was the first Olympiad since 1976 in which the United States competed and failed to win a

track cycling medal; it had won 11 since 1984, and boycotted the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. Australia dominated

events in these Olympics, winning nine track medals — five more than any other nation. The Aussies added two golds and a bronze to their collection Wednesday; in the Keirin, Ryan Bayley won gold and Shane Kelly bronze, and in the Madison, Graeme Brown and Stuart O'Grady rode to another win.

Middleweight Dirrell clinches second U.S. boxing medal

BY TIM DAHLBERG The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Another day, another Andre for the U.S. boxing team.

Andre Dirrell, fighting with a tattoo of his grandfather's face on his back, assured the United States of at least two boxing medals Wednesday by narrowly beating Cuba's Yordani Despaigne to advance to the Olympic middleweight semifinals.

A day after teammate Andre

Ward saved the U.S. team from further embarrassment with a win of his own. Dirrell bloodied the Cuban's face in the third round and held on for a 12-11 win in a cautiously fought bout.

"I knew I could outbox him," Dirrell said. "I was extra nervous because the Cubans are great box-

Dirrell wasn't too had himself coming from behind in the third round with a flurry to take the lead and then listening to his grandfather and other family get on his toes and stay away to keen the lead with 25 seconds left

We knew it was going to be a chess match," U.S. coach Basheer Abdullah said. "He was very patient and he played the chess match and won it tonight.

Dirrell, whose grandfather began teaching him to box at the age of 10 and then refused to let him quit the sport two years later, advanced to a semifinal match against Gennadiy Golovkin of Kazakhstan.

More importantly, he put a smile on the face of his grandfather, who was watching in the stands. Leon Lawson, a former bodyguard and sparring partner for Muhammad Ali, turned 64

this week and celebrated his birth-"I'm aiming to please my grand-father," Dirrell said. "Besides the money, the gold medal and every

thing, I want to make him happy This is what he said was his hirth. day present. Dirrell had a tattoo of his grandfather's face put on his right shoulder last month to thank him for years of making him train for his Olympic moment

"I figured he was on my back

this long that I would put a real one on my back," Dirrell said. Dirrell came into the Olympics as the most highly touted mem ber of a team that wasn't expected to fare too well in Athens. The 20-year-old from Flint, Mich., looked the part in moving easily through his first two fights, but the matchup against the tough Cuban was his real test.

hrown: Gardner on wrong end of this reversal

THROWN, FROM BACK PAGE

His retirement ends an impossible-to-script career that saw Gard ner become one of America's most improbable sports stars and one of its most star-crossed once he won the gold.

Eighteen months after ending three-time Olympic champion Karelin's 13-year winning streak with his "Miracle on the Mat," Gardner lost a toe - and nearly his life - to frosthite after becom ing stranded in the Wyoming wilderness. This year, he survived a head-on motorcycle crash and days later, badly dislocated his right wrist during a pickup basketball game, briefly jeopardizing his return trip to the Games.

Once he got to Athens, his undo ing proved to be the Greco-Roman oddity that assured his Sydney gold: the clinch. Both wrestlers lock hands behind the other, maneuvering for the slight

est advantage before muscling each other to break the clinch and gain a point

In Sydney, Gardner's only point against Karelin came on a broken clinch; four years later, all of Tsurtsumia's points did. too. He threw Gardner out of a clinch to start the overtime, surprising Garner with strength he seemed to have lost much earlier

Despite being 10 years younger than Gardner at 23, the reigning European champion was perilously fatigued as the match wound down, once fleeing the mat and taking a penalty point to avoid locking up with Gardner.

After the suddenly quick conclusion, Garner knelt on the mat in near disbelief, Tsurtsumia dancing excitedly behind him But within minutes, a dry-eyed and composed Gardner patiently offered a clinical explanation of what went wrong

The condensed version: He

gambled by attacking a worn-out opponent, leaving himself unguarded to his back side and allowing Tsurtsumia to step around and throw him to the mat.

"One throw and that's the whole match," Gardner said "One mistake "

Or maybe two

"I was surprised Rulon lost two clinches," said Jeff Blatnick, a Greco-Roman gold medalist 20 years ago. "I've never seen him do that when he's healthy

Still, he doesn't think Gardner besmirched his wrestling legacy by not winning a second Olympic gold. To Blatnick, beating Karelin assured Gardner's place in the sport's history, and always will.

"He'll be remembered as an Olympic champion and a world champion," Blatnick said. "People forget he won the world championship the year after Sydney and proved it was no fluke. I don't think he did anything wrong in this match. He (Tsurtsumia) was well-coached and knew exactly where to attack.

Gardner's restrained emotions after the loss contrasted to the Aegean-sized sea of tears shed Monday when Sara McMann lost the first gold-medal match wrestled by an American woman. Only in victory did his emotions come

Maybe it's because, deep down, he's still the aw-shucks Wyoming farmboy who ignored hurtful taunts of "Fatso" to pursue his sport, to achieve its ultimate prize and create a niche as one of America's least likely but most-liked Olympic champions. It is that devotion to wrestling that drove him to come back, to ignore the temptation to be like Mary Lou Retton

and let a perfect Olympics be his only Olympics.

"People asked me why go back and take the chance you'll lose and tarnish your record," he said. 'I don't look at it as tarnishing

anything."
Now, the man who defeated an aging Russian star to become a gold medalist has been succeeded by an on-the-rise young Russian. 21-year-old Khasan Baroev, who beat Tsurtsumia 4-2 for the gold.

"One mishap cost me the chance for the gold, but I'm happy with the bronze and I'll move on," Gardner said. "It's not quite a gold, but it's a medal.

Another American wrestling medalist also lost Wednesday 2000 bronze medalist Garrett Lowney, of Freedom, Wis., was eliminated with losses of 3-0 to Cuba's Ernesto Pena and 4-0 to Hungary's Lajos Virag in pool matches at 2111/2 pounds (96kg).

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Foudy's status game-time decision

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cer captain Julie Foudy's sprained ankle showed signs of improvement on Wednesday, though she remains a game-time decision for Thursday's gold medal game against Brazil.

"Julie's doing better." coach April Heinrichs said. "We're real excited to see her walking.

Heinrichs said Foudy no longer needed the crutches she'd been using since she was injured in the second half of Monday night's overtime victory over Germany in the semifinals

Asked about Foudy's chances of playing, Heinrichs sighed heavily and paused before answering.

"I don't know. It's a very physical game," Heinrichs said. "It's just hard to tell right now.

She's walking. She's encouraged. She's optimistic, as she is as a person and should be as an athlete who wants to play in this game. We'll make the call tomorrow, much closer to the game."

Prosecutors seize medical files of Greek sprint stars

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the hospital records Wednesday of two Greek sprinting

stars who withdrew from the Olympics after they missed a doping test and were involved in a suspicious motorcycle accident.

A source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that prosecutors visited the KAT trauma hospital and left with the records of Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou Kenteris, the

200-meter gold medalist in 2000, and Thanou, who took silver in the 100 meters in Sydney, could not be found at the Olympic Village for an Aug. 12 drug test. Hours later, they said they were involved in a motorcycle accident that happened because they were rushing back to the Olympic vil-

They spent several days in the KAT hospital with cuts and bruises and later withdrew from the Olympics.

lage to be tested.

Now, prosecutors are investigating the accident and whether the two national stars were deliberately trying to avoid drug tests. Kenteris and Thanou have denied any wrongdoing.

Greece protests fight stoppage

ATHENS, Greece — Greece has lodged a protest over the controversial end to light heavyweight Elias Pavlidis' Olympic bout against Egypt's Ahmed Ismail, saving Ismail delivered several illegal hits that caused Pavlidis to become too injured to con-

The Hellenic Boxing Federation lodged the protest shortly after the match ended Tuesday night in a storm of hoos from a partisan crowd hoping to see Greece win its first Olympic boxing medal.

Pavlidis took an 18-12 lead after two rounds, but referee off the fight because of serious cuts on Pavlidis' face.

The decision sparked a melee in Peristeri Olympic Boxing Hall, with fans throwing water bottles at the ring and forcing Ismail to run for cover.

Greece's protest claims "the Egyptian athlete ... did not compete fairly, as can be seen clearly in the videotape." The protest doesn't specify the hits involved, saving only that most occurred in the second round.

U.S. women dominate Greece

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The place and the opponent don't really matter. This U.S. basketball team is on a roll.

Hushing a boisterous crowd with its all-around domination, the United States advanced to the semifinals Wednesday with a 102-72 victory over Greece, which had heart, the home court and little else.

Now, only two games stand between the Americans and a third straight gold medal. They'll play Russia on Friday. The semifinal winners advance to the gold medal game on Saturday.

"This is it. No regrets now,"
Tina Thompson said. "There's no
getting it back or catching up
from a loss. That would mean no

gold medal and, for us, no gold medal means failure."

After playing their preliminary games in a small arena at the Hell-iniko complex on the coast, the teams moved to the spacious 19,250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall for the medal round. The Americans looked liked they belonged on the bigger stage.

Lisa Leslie and Yolanda Griffith dominated inside, Tina Thompson hit a succession of jumpers, Shannon Johnson had her best game of the tournament and Tamika Catchings was every-

where on both ends of the floor.

The passing was sharp, the defense quick and aggressive. By the middle of the second quarter, the United States was up by 20, and the Greek fans who made up most of the crowd of 8,100 started losing their zeal.

Even the "He-llas! He-llas!" chant began to wane and the crowd stopped booing whenever the United States had the ball, slipping into a state of quiet acceptance

These U.S. players, the Greek fans discovered, are pretty darn good.

"The crowd was great today and whenever a team feels the energy of a crowd, it plays above its head and Greece did," Diana Taurasi said. "Teams like that just don't go away. They play to the last bucket, but if you can get on them early and get the crowd out of there... that's what our first five did."

The Americans shot 57 percent in the first half and 50 percent for the game. If someone did miss a shot it didn't matter

hot, it didn't matter. Griffith, Leslie or Catchings got



Americans Tina Thompson, right, and Lisa Leslie dominated early against Greece and cheered from the bench late in the game.

the rebound and scored on a putback.

Johnson and Thompson scored 20 apiece, and there was much more after that. Griffith had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Diana

Taurasi had 13 points, and Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes added 12 apiece.

Leslie also had eight rebounds. Final rebounding numbers: United States 44, Greece 22.

Windsurfing gold is first for Israel

BY BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — A windsurfer whose first name means "wave" in Hebrew gave Israel its first Olympic gold medal ever Wednesday, taking a plunge in the Sarynic Gulf to celebrate.

Gal Fridman sailed a remarkably consistent regatta, never finishing worse than eighth in the 11-race series. He placed second in Wednesday's decisive race.

After Fridman crossed the finish line, he took a victory dip and then wrapped himself in an Israeli flag when he came out of the water.

Fridman's victory finally gives Israelis the chance to hear their national anthem during a medal ceremony, scheduled for later in the day. The song is "Hatikvah" — The Hope — and Israeli fans sang it spontaneously last week when Ariel Zeevi won a bronze medal in judo.

There has been tremendous pressure on Israeli athletes to get their country's first gold at the Athens Games. When Zeevi won his medal, he called it "the hardest day of my life" because of the scrutiny.

In 12 previous Olympics dating to 1952, Israel had won only one silver and three bronze medals. Fridman won a bronze in his event in 1996.

Fridman's victory came after Ricardo Santos of Brazil, the leader through 10 races, finished 17th in the finale. Nikolaos Kaklamanakis of Greece won the silver, and Nick Dempsey of Britain took the bronze.

Faustine Merret of France won the gold in the women's race. Yin Jian of China won the silver, and Alessandra Sensini of Italy got the bronze.



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Prosecutors say Bryant DNA evidence contaminated

DENVER - Crucial DNA evidence tested by defense experts in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case might have been contaminated, prosecutors said in a court filing released Wednesday, just two days before jury selection is to begin

Prosecutors said they had found contamination in DNA "control" samples intended to ensure testing was accurate. They experts appears to have been manipulated

Prosecutors asked the judge to hold a hearing Thursday to force the NBA star's attorneys to prove the reliability of the evidence intended to be presented at trial by defense experts.

Those experts include Elizabeth Johnson, who testified in a closed-court hearing in June that DNA evidence strongly suggests the alleged victim had sex with an-

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other man after her encounter with Bryant and before her hospital examination the following day.

That claim, which attorneys for the woman have denied, is a core nart of the defense's strategy to undermine the accuser's credibili-

In the filing, prosecutor Dana

nical Associates Inc., the California company where Johnson works, appeared to have been whited out or otherwise manipu-

Dampier goes from Warriors to Mavs in eight-player deal

DALLAS - The Dallas Mavericks sent Christian Laettner, Edu-Najera, two future first-round draft picks and the draft rights to guards Luis Flores

riors for Erick Dampier, Dan Dickau, Evan Eschmeyer and the draft rights to Steve Logan.

The 6-foot-11 Dampier averaged career highs of 12.3 points and 12 rebounds in 74 games last season for the Warriors. He was fourth in the NBA in rebounding, and one of just nine players to av-erage more than 10 points and 10

rebounds a game. In a release, the Mavericks said Dampier signed a multiyear deal with Golden State before the trade was completed. Contract de-tails weren't immediately avail-

Tavarez suspended 10 days for doctoring balls

CINCINNATI - St. Louis reliever Julian Tavarez was sus-pended for 10 days Tuesday for applying a foreign substance to balls while pitching last week.

Tavarez appealed the penalty, and no action will be taken until a hearing is held.

The incident that day seemed like it was a very minor thing, and I'm shocked that it would be worth 10 days," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Tavarez was ejected during the opener of Friday's doubleheader against Pittsburgh after umpire crew chief Joe West inspected the pitcher's grimy hat. West said Tavarez and Cardinals and manager Tony La Russa "as much admitted" it was pine tar on his cap

Bloom's final appeal denied

BOULDER, Colo. - Jeremy Bloom lost his final plea to be allowed to play football for Colorado while accepting commercial ski endorsements.

The five-member NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee turned down the appeal after hearing presentations from Bloom, Colorado, and the NCAA in a conference call.

Bloom appealed an NCAA ruling last week that he could not pocket endorsement money. which he said is necessary to support his Olympic skiing career, while playing receiver and kick returner for Colorado.

Agassi could meet Federer in U.S. Open quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi's path at the U.S. Open could include a quarterfinal against No. 1 Roger Federer, while defending champion Andy Roddick might have to play 2000 winner Marat Safin in the fourth round.

Serena and Venus Williams wound up on opposite sides of the field in Wednesday's draw, so they can't play each other until

the final

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In addition to Agassi-Federer, the potential quarterfinals are Roddick vs. No. 7 Juan Carlos Ferrero in a rematch of the 2003 final, 2001 Open champ Lleyton Hewitt vs. No. 8 David Nalbandian, and No. 5 Tim Henman vs. No. 3 Carlos Moya.

Agassi, whose eight major titles include the 1994 and 1999 Opens, will face U.S. Davis Cup player Robby Ginepri in the first round.

No. 3-seeded Serena Williams is slated for a quarterfinal against No. 8 Jennifer Capriati. Anotherr possible women's round-of-eight matchup is defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne vs. Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapo-



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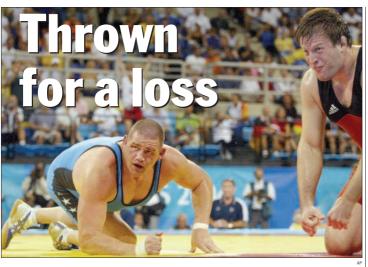
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Home court does Greece little good as U.S. women roll into semifinals







Windsurfer gives Israel first-ever gold medal

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U.S. wrestler Rulon Gardner, left, reacts after losing in OT to Kazakhstan's Georgi Tsurtsumia, right, in a Greco-Roman 2641/2-pound (120kg) semifinal on Wednesday. Gardner went on to win the bronze medal, and Tsurtsumia lost to Khasan Baroev of Russia in the gold-medal match.

Gardner settles for bronze in Greco-Roman wrestling

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

ATHENS Greece - He left his shoes in the middle of the mat, maybe a piece of his heart, too. Rulon Gardner finally let his emotions out after trading Olympic gold for bronze, and the tears he cried weren't of sadness.

Gardner, so poised and dispassionate hours before, following the biggest loss of his life, became teary-eyed Wednesday after one of the most surprising gold medalists in Olympic history settled for a bronze on his return trip to the Games

His last one, too. After wearing down Iran's much-taller Sajad Barzi for a 3-0 victory and the Greco-Roman wrestling bronze at 2641/2 pounds (120 kg), Gardner sat down on the mat, an American flag draped in his arms and took off his shoes in the traditional sign of

Then it all came out. Tears streamed down

arena, escorted by the unmistakable cheers of a dozen family members who made the long trip from Afton, Wyo., to Athens to see if he was good for one more gold.

He wasn't, but he thought he was good enough - even if a 4-1 overtime loss to Kazakhstan's Georgi Tsurtsumia earlier meant he couldn't duplicate the gold he won so shockingly in Sydney by beating the greatest wres-tler ever, Russian Alexander Karelin, in his sport's upset of the century.

"I came back and won a medal. Even though it's bronze, I have no regrets because I gave 100 percent in every match," Gardner said. "I didn't leave anything on the mat."

Except his shoes, of course; he began cry-ing before the match, when he told coach Steve Fraser of his plans.
"That's it," Gardner said. "When you step

off the mat for the last time, it's a big deal. SEE THROWN ON PAGE 45

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Gardner, who scored one of wrestling's biggest upsets in the Sydney Games, took off his shoes and left them in the ring to symbolize his retirement after defeating Sajad Barzi of Iran in the bronze-medal bout Wednesday.